

## Order out of chaos 1 – word order and objects – by S.K. Meyer

Use CHROME/SAFARI to do Star's interactive worksheet on <https://www.liveworksheets.com/> to help you (the worksheet may have been sent to you, individually, or it may be in your workbook ... check!).

1. Where DO objects go? Here's a typical sentence I hear from my students ... "I like a lot tea."

TICK the explanation of the error: .... "do" is missing | .... "tea" should be after "like" | .... "Tea" should be first.

CHOOSE the correct reason why from the pulldown menu: .....



2. There are 2 kinds of objects: **direct** (objects directly receiving the action of the verb, ex., Make a meal), & **indirect** (objects receiving the thing/person that directly received the action of the verb, ex., Make a meal for me / Make me a meal). DRAG & DROP the images to the lines under the correct category. One doesn't go in either, one goes in BOTH, & there are extra lines!



DIRECT OBJECT

BOTH D.O & I.O.

INDIRECT OBJECT

NO MATCH

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4. With most verbs that take an object (they're called "transitive" because the action of the verb "transits" onto the object), it's O.K. to put EITHER the indirect object first (with no preposition) – this is actually more common – OR the direct object first (then a preposition) then the indirect object after it. You choose! CLICK ON and DRAG the direct object "fun tasks" onto the blank line where you want it to be:



fun tasks



Star likes to give \_\_\_\_\_ to her students / Star likes to give her students \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Some verbs – such as *bet, cost* and *take + from* – require the indirect object first, while others – such as *donate, push, carry, explain, suggest, describe* and *take to* – require the direct object first. You just have to learn how these verbs want their objects, when you need the verbs. READ these sentences, then DECIDE if they are *correct*, or *incorrect*, and CLICK on your answer.

a.) Star has described the position of direct and indirect objects to you. - *This is...* ..... CORRECT | ..... INCORRECT  
b.) It's a good idea to donate some money to a local dog & cat shelter. - *This is...* ..... CORRECT | ..... INCORRECT  
c.) I'll bet a cappuccino to you that you understand word order, better, now. - *This is...* ..... CORRECT | ..... INCORRECT  
d.) Wow, those designer brand clothes sure cost her a lot of money. - *This is...* ..... CORRECT | ..... INCORRECT



6. When BOTH kinds of objects are pronouns, we prefer to put the direct object first, so, because (1) many verbs allow it, (2) some verbs require it, & (3) you need to do it when both objects are pronouns...make your life easier, and do it this way (except for the verbs requiring the indirect object first!). CLICK ON, DRAG & DROP these words with the direct object before the indirect object.

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