

# Direct/Indirect objects

Direct object - thing  
Indirect object - person

## Indirect/Direct objects

### More common

He **asked** Sarah **a question.**  
I.O. D.O.

Jim **sold** Ann **a health insurance.**

She'll **give** me **the proposal.**

Peter **owes** Sam **a favour.**

She **promised** Leo **the job.**

He's **sent** Jack **an email.**

They **showed** me **the documents.**

Sue **told** us **the news.**

## Direct/Indirect objects

### Not common

He **asked** a question **to Sarah.**  
D.O. I.O.

Jim **sold** **a health insurance to Ann.**

She'll **give** **the proposal to me.**

Peter **owes a favour to Sam.**

She **promised the job to Leo.**

He's **sent an email to Jack.**

They **showed the documents to me.**

Sue **told the news to us.**

## Exceptions

### Direct/Indirect objects

He **explained** me **the matter.** X

He **explained** the matter **to me.**  
D.O. I.O.

They **recommend** us **the hotel.** X

They **recommend** the hotel **to us.**  
D.O. I.O.

Lisa **said** me **the numbers.** X

Lisa **said** the numbers **to me.**  
D.O. I.O.

I **recommended** Jack **to my boss.** \*

## Wrong

He **asked** to **Sarah** **a question.**

They **showed** to **me** **the documents.**

Rachel **gave** to **me** **the report.**

Sue'll **tell** to **Peter** **the news.**

1. The client asked the auditor questions about the contract.
2. Stephen has bought Ann a gift for her graduation.
3. The lawyer tried to explain the client the lawsuit details.
4. During the meeting they said the truth to their team.
5. Her secretary needs to give her the contact number.
6. They recommended us a new raw material supplier.
7. Sue shall tell to George the news as soon as he arrives.
8. Kathy owes Sam some money due to the job she did.
9. Jack has already sent his boss an email with the details.
10. I showed to my team yesterday the sales presentation.
11. Debbie promised the job to her assistant's daughter.
12. Lisa said me that she's decided to quit the job.
13. Mr Smith should give a new chance to the legal director.
14. They owe me an apology for their misbehaviour.
15. I need to ask to Paul the numbers from the first quarter.
16. The broker recommended an investment to the client.
17. He explained his partner the matter regarding the contract.
18. Josh's recommended Julia to the marketing director.