

Direct/Indirect objects

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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. ✗

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

They recommend us the hotel. ✗

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

Lisa said me the numbers. ✗

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

I recommended Jack to my boss. ✗
D.O. I.O.

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.