

READING AND WRITING  
10TH GRADE

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# TRANSITIVE AND INTRANSITIVE VERBS

INDICATOR: DISTINGUISHES TRANSITIVE AND  
INTRANSITIVE VERBS

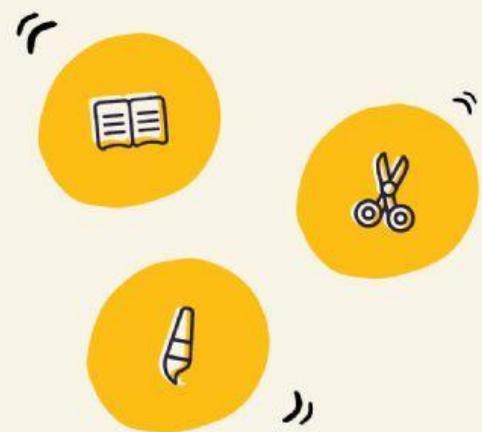
# VERBS CAN BE GROUPED INTO 2

To group them we have to take into account if the sentence has an **object**.

The **object** is a noun that receives the action from the verb.

Example: I broke **my phone**

In this case, the verb is **broke** and "**my phone**" would be the object of the sentence.



# VERBS CAN BE GROUPED INTO 2 GROUPS



## Transitive verbs

- All Transitive verbs NEED an object.
- Some transitive verbs can have 2 objects.



## Intransitive verbs

- Intransitive verbs involve a subject.
- Intransitive verbs DO NOT have an object



LET'S SEE SOME EXAMPLES

# TRANSITIVE VERBS

## Example 1

John sells newspapers

Verb: sells

Object: Newspapers

\*What does John sell?  
Newspapers

## Example 2

The reporter wrote the article.

Verb: Wrote

Object: The article

\*What did the reporter write?  
The article

## Notice:

.Verbs can be in any tense

.Objects can be nouns or gerunds

.To identify the object you ask the verb "What?"

# EXERCISE



Read the following sentences carefully.

Write in the box the verb (in the tense it is written) and the object of the sentence.

VERB

OBJECT

1. Alex sent a post card from Argentina.
2. She left the keys on the table.
3. Julia bought a present for her mom.
4. I changed my Facebook password.
5. Susan baked a cake for her sister's wedding.
6. My cat caught a big grey mouse.
7. The basketball team won, they scored 100 points.



# INTRANSITIVE VERBS

## Example 1

The train arrives at 2 pm.

Verb: arrives  
Object: none

\*At 2 p.m (prepositional phrase)

## Example 2

Sorry, but I have to leave now.

Verb: leave  
Object: none

\*now (adverb)

## Notice:

.Verbs can be in any tense

.Intransitive verbs DO NOT have objects

.Often intransitive verbs are followed by prepositional phrases or an adverb.

# EXERCISE



Read the following sentences carefully.

Type in the verb (in the tense presented)  
in the box and then write an **I** next to  
each sentence with an **intransitive verb**.

VERB

VERB TYPE

1. Leandro lives in the east side of the city.
2. The bus leaves early every morning.
3. My daughter always reads before going to bed.
4. She was crying all day.
5. I ate all the cherries that were in the fridge.
6. Lili doesn't drink chocolate milk.
7. The poor dog slept in the street.

