

1 Some verbs often have two objects – an indirect object and a direct object:

I'll buy **some chocolate** (direct object) **for the children** (indirect object).

I'll buy **the children** (indirect object) **some chocolate** (direct object).

She wrote **a long letter** (direct object) **to her mother** (indirect object)

She wrote **her mother** (indirect object) **a long letter** (direct object)

2 With these verbs you normally use for for the indirect object:

book	get	buy	keep	bring	make
cook	pour	cut	prepare	find	save

They kept a place **for Jack**.

Will you bring something **for the children**?

Could you pour a cup of coffee **for your mother**?

I'll book a room in the hotel **for you**.

She cooked a great meal **for us**.

I bought some flowers **for her**.

**3 With these verbs you normally use to for the indirect object:**

give	post	tell	lend	promise	write	pay
hand	read	offer	sell	pass	show	teach

They say they posted the letter **to you** last week. He promised it **to me**.

Show it **to Bill** when you've seen it. Do you think you could lend it **to us**?

4 When the indirect object is very short you can put it right after the verb:

Give **Mary** my love. She sent **her sister** a birthday card.

He cooked **them** a wonderful meal. Ken bought **his teacher** a present.

A Rewrite these sentences changing the indirect object to *him, her* or *them*:

- 1 He cooked a nice meal for all his friends. *He cooked them a nice meal.*
- 2 She lent some money to her grandmother. _____
- 3 Hand that plate to your brother. _____
- 4 Who'll read a story to the children? _____
- 5 I've made some coffee for father. _____
- 6 Jack's gone to get some water for his mother. _____
- 7 He offered the job to a young girl. _____

B Rewrite these sentences using an indirect object with *to* or *for*:

- 1 I have booked them seats. (the children) *I have booked seats for the children.*
- 2 Can you make them a cup of tea? (everyone) _____
- 3 I've written her a letter. (my sister) _____
- 4 Who's going to cook them supper? (the family) _____
- 5 We can show them our photographs. (all the visitors) _____
- 6 Could you cut them some bread? (your brothers and sisters) _____
- 7 I sold her my old skis. (your friend) _____

C Complete these sentences to show what presents Diana gave her family:

- 1 She bought a bicycle *for her little brother, Simon.*
- 2 She gave Helen _____.
- 3 She bought a pipe _____.
- 4 She sent some flowers _____.
- 5 She bought _____ a box of chocolates.
- 6 She gave a dictionary _____.
- 7 She bought a nice new teapot _____.
- 8 She gave _____ a pullover.

RICHARD



MOTHER

FATHER



Close your books and see how many of Diana's presents you can remember.



LITTLE SIMON



GRANDFATHER

UNCLE TOM & AUNT JANE



GRANDMOTHER