

Give me that book! Give it to me!

A

give lend pass send show

After these verbs (**give** / **lend**, etc.), there are two possible structures:

give something to somebody

- I gave **the keys** to Sarah.

give somebody something

- I gave Sarah **the keys**.



B

Give something to somebody

		something	to somebody
That's my book.	Give	it	to me.
These are Sue's keys. Can you	give	them	to her?
Can you	give	these flowers	to your mother?
I	lent	my car	to a friend of mine.
Did you	send	a postcard	to Kate?
We've seen these pictures. You	showed	them	to us yesterday.

C

Give somebody something

		somebody	something
	Give	me	that book. It's mine.
Tom	gave	his mother	some flowers.
I	lent	Joe	some money.
How much money did you	lend	him?	
I	sent	you	an e-mail. Did you get it?
Nicole	showed	us	her vacation photos.
Can you	pass	me	the salt, please?

You can also say "**buy/get somebody something**":

- I **bought** my mother some flowers. (= I bought some flowers **for** my mother.)
- Can you **get** me a newspaper when you go out? (= get a newspaper **for** me)

D

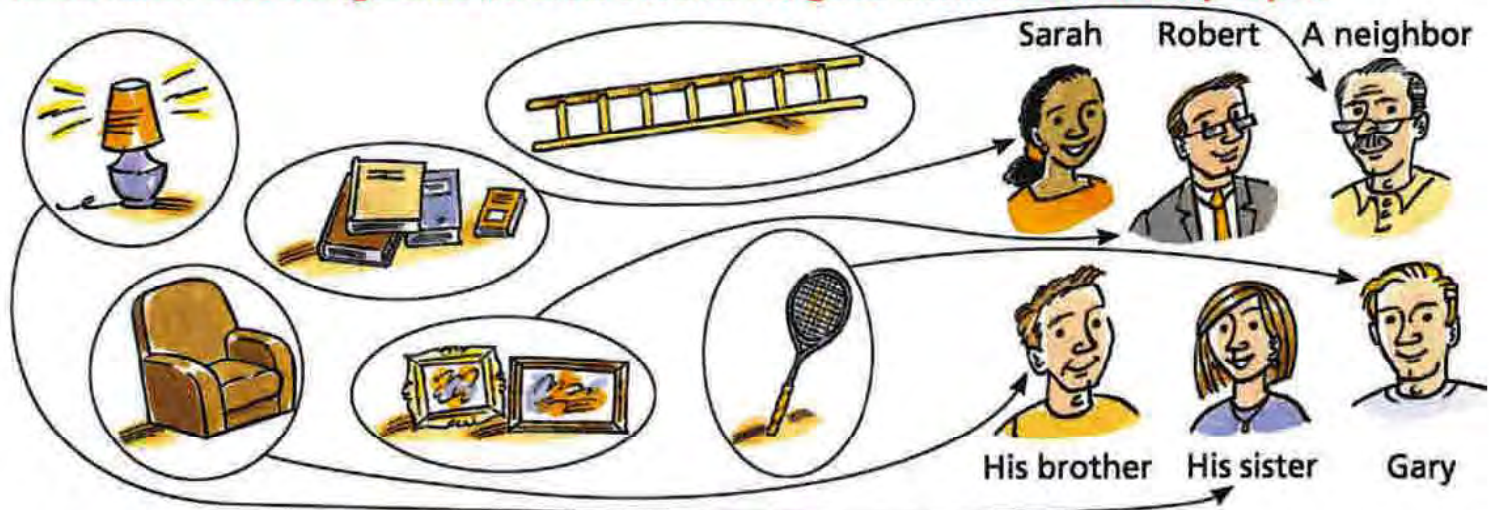
You can say:

- I **gave** the keys **to Sarah**.
- and I **gave Sarah** the keys.
(but *not* I gave to Sarah the keys)
- That's my book. Can you **give it to me**?
- and Can you **give me** that book?
(but *not* Can you give to me that book?)

We prefer the first structure (**give something to somebody**) with **it** or **them**:

- I gave **it to her**. (*not* I gave her it)
- Here are the keys. Give **them to your father**. (*not* Give your father them)

97.1 Mark had some things that he didn't want. He gave them to different people.



Write sentences beginning **He gave**

1. What did Mark do with the armchair? He gave it to his brother.
2. What did he do with the tennis racket? He gave _____
3. What happened to the books? He _____
4. What about the lamp? _____
5. What did he do with the pictures? _____
6. And the ladder? _____

97.2 You gave presents to your friends. You decided to give them the things in the pictures. Write a sentence for each person.



1. I gave Paul a book.
2. I gave _____
3. I _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

97.3 Write questions beginning **Can you give me . . . ? / Can you pass me . . . ?**, etc.

1. (you want the salt) (pass) Can you pass me the salt?
2. (you need an umbrella) (lend) Can you _____
3. (you want my address) (give) Can _____ your _____
4. (you need 20 dollars) (lend) _____
5. (you want some information) (send) _____
6. (you want to see the letter) (show) _____
7. (you want some stamps) (get) _____

97.4 Which is right?

1. ~~I gave to Sarah the keys.~~ / I gave Sarah the keys. (*I gave Sarah the keys* is right)
2. I'll lend to you some money if you want. / I'll lend you some money if you want.
3. Did you send the letter me? / Did you send the letter to me?
4. I want to buy for you a present. / I want to buy you a present.
5. Can you pass to me the sugar, please? / Can you pass me the sugar, please?
6. This is Lisa's bag. Can you give it to her? / Can you give her it?
7. I showed to the police officer my driver's license. / I showed the police officer my driver's license.