

More transitivity

Verbs that can take two objects have been called *ditransitive*. The example usually given in textbooks is *give*: *I gave the dog a bone*, where *a bone* is said to be the *direct object* and *the dog* the *indirect object*, as also seen in the prepositional paraphrase: *I gave a bone to the dog*. Other verbs that work in a similar way (with *to* or *for* in the paraphrase) include the following:

ask: I asked Alex a question.

bring: I brought Alex a book.

find: I found Alex a route.

grant: I granted Alex the request.

hand: I handed Alex the spade.

lend: I lent Alex my car.

offer: I offered Alex a lift.

order: I ordered Alex a copy.

owe: I owed Alex a favour.

pay: I paid Alex a lot.

promise: I promised Alex a reply.

read: I read Alex a story.

reserve: I reserved Alex a ticket.

send: I sent Alex an e-mail.

serve: I served Alex a hot meal.

show: I showed Alex the answer.

teach: I taught Alex some grammar.

tell: I told Alex the result.

throw: I threw Alex a ball.

wish: I wished Alex a happy birthday.