

## 2 Direct Objects

The students helped the astronomers. (helped whom?)

Astronomers examine the stars. (examine what?)

They observe them with telescopes. (observe what?)



Underline the action verb in each sentence. Write the direct object.

1. Maria Mitchell studied the stars. \_\_\_\_\_
2. As a child, she helped her father with his work. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Her father encouraged his daughter. \_\_\_\_\_
4. At the age of twelve, she observed an eclipse. \_\_\_\_\_
5. After that she increased her knowledge. \_\_\_\_\_
6. She watched the sky at night through a telescope. \_\_\_\_\_
7. She read many books about astronomy. \_\_\_\_\_
8. In 1847 Maria Mitchell discovered a comet. \_\_\_\_\_
9. She gained fame through this discovery. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The King of Denmark honored Mitchell. \_\_\_\_\_
11. She won a gold medal. \_\_\_\_\_
12. The American Academy of Arts and Sciences elected her as a member. \_\_\_\_\_
13. As the first female member, she paved the way for others. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Vassar College hired the scientist. \_\_\_\_\_
15. She continued her work in astronomy. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Mitchell taught it as a subject. \_\_\_\_\_
17. She helped her students with research. \_\_\_\_\_
18. As a teacher, Mitchell influenced future astronomers. \_\_\_\_\_

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- A **direct object** is a noun or a pronoun in the predicate that receives the action of the verb. A direct object answers the questions *What?* or *Whom?*

My neighbors met the mayor. (*met whom?*)

They liked him. (*liked whom?*)

He understood the problems of the city. (*understood what?*)



Write the direct object in each sentence.  
Use the clue in parentheses to help you.

**Example:** I know my neighbors. (*know whom?*)

neighbors

1. The neighbors held a meeting. (*held what?*)
2. Ms. Bud explained the purpose. (*explained what?*)
3. She described the problems. (*described what?*)
4. She introduced the speakers. (*introduced whom?*)
5. Mayor Arnez read his speech. (*read what?*)
6. The audience liked it. (*liked what?*)
7. Sheriff Ray made some remarks. (*made what?*)
8. She outlined a new plan. (*outlined what?*)
9. The audience cheered her. (*cheered whom?*)
10. Ms. Bud thanked the guests. (*thanked whom?*)
11. Some people asked questions. (*asked what?*)
12. Others suggested solutions. (*suggested what?*)
13. The mayor answered the people. (*answered whom?*)
14. They applauded him. (*applauded whom?*)
15. Ms. Bud ended the program. (*ended what?*)
16. She dismissed the audience. (*dismissed whom?*)

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