

Module 4: The Novel – *Animal Farm*

Topic 7 Content: Direct and Indirect Objects Notes

Direct and Indirect Objects

There are two different types of objects: direct objects and indirect objects.

Direct objects answer the verb's question of *what?* or *whom?*

Take a look at this example sentence.

Jennifer baked cupcakes for the birthday party.

In this sentence, the verb is “baked” and the direct object is “cupcakes.” The word “cupcakes” answers the question “What did Jennifer bake?”

Indirect objects answer the verb's question of *to whom?*, *for whom?*, or *for what?*

It is important to know that a sentence cannot have an indirect object without a direct object. Specifically, there must be a direct object in order for an indirect object to exist.

Now, look at this example sentence.

Elijah sent Jada an invitation to the party.

In this sentence, the verb is “sent” and the direct object is “invitation.” The word “invitation” answers the question, “what did Elijah send?” In this sentence, the indirect object is “Jada.” The word “Jada” answers the question, “to whom did Elijah send the invitation?”