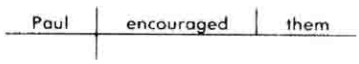
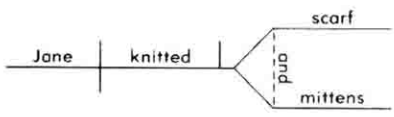
with a vertical line between the verb and the direct object. This line does not go through the base line but rests upon it.



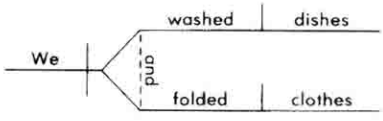
A compound direct object is diagramed on a fork after the vertical line that rests on the base line.

Jane knitted a scarf and some mittens.

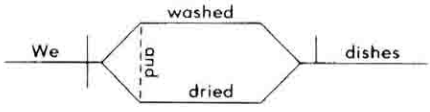


If sentences have compound verbs with direct objects, they are diagramed as shown below.

We washed the dishes and folded the clothes.



We washed and dried the dishes.



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Lesson Introduction: What does the prefix *trans-* mean? (over *or* across) Some words that begin with this prefix are *transportation*, *transaction*, and *translate*. Transportation is that which moves people or things across an area. A transaction is an action between two parties. To translate is to change over from one language to another. Today we will study *transitive* verbs. They are verbs that pass their action over, or across, to another word in the sentence.

Lesson Outline:

1. A transitive verb passes action to a receiver. A transitive verb needs a noun or pronoun to receive its action. The thought of the sentence may not be complete without a receiver of the action.

The little black dog chased the big white cat.

Compare: The little black dog chased. (incomplete thought)

2. A direct object is a noun or pronoun that receives the action of a transitive verb. A direct object usually comes after the verb and answers the question *whom* or *what*.

The ball shattered the window.

Jehu drove his chariot furiously.

Be sure that the students are able to define a direct object and that they associate a direct object with *receiving action*.

***3. To find a direct object, say the subject and verb together and ask* whom *or* what.** Insist on this procedure, and drill it thoroughly.

Brother Henry faced the congregation solemnly.

(Brother Henry faced *whom*? The direct object is *congregation*.)