

DITRANSITIVE VERBS

Ditransitive verbs join three elements of a clause: the subject, the direct object, and the indirect object. In English, the order in which they do this is the following:

SUBJECT	VERB	INDIRECT OBJECT	DIRECT OBJECT
John	sent	her	an email
Mike	gave	his van	a scratch
The receptionist	showed	them	the room
We	bought	Maria	a guitar
She	told	her daughter	everything
My friends	ordered	me	a beer
She	threw	me	a bag

Or the following:

SUBJECT	VERB	DIRECT OBJECT	Preposition + indirect object
John	sent	an email	to her
Mike	gave	a scratch	to his van
The receptionist	showed	the room	to them
We	bought	a guitar	to/for Maria
She	told	everything	to her daughter
My friends	ordered	a beer	for me
She	threw	a bag	to me

List of English Ditransitive Verbs:

Accord	Afford	Allocate	Allow	Appoint	Ask	Assign	Assure	Award	Bake
Bet	Bring	Build	Call	Catch	Cause	Charge	Cook	Cost	Cut
Deal	Deliver	Deny	Design	Do	Draw	Drop	Earn	Feed	Find
Fine	Get	Give	Grant	Guarantee	Hand	Hunt	Keep	Leave	Lend
Lose	Mail	Make	Name	Offer	Owe	Pass	Permit	Play	Prescribe
Profit	Promise	Purchase	Quote	Read	Refuse	Render	Save	Sell	Send
Serve	Set	Show	Spare	Supply	Take	Teach	Tell	Throw	Win
Wish	Write	Buy	Order						

Prepositional phrase with FOR = indicates the beneficiary, person who benefits or enjoys the action.	Prepositional phrase with TO = indicates that sb/sth is affected by the action.	Some verbs never have TO or FOR with the indirect object.
Acquire, Bake, build, buy, compose, cook, design, do, find, get, hire, leave, make, order, perform, prescribe, rent, save, sing, write.	Announce, confess, contribute, convey, declare, deliver, describe, donate, explain, introduce, mention, narrate, prove, refer, report, return, say, speak, submit, suggest, transfer	Allow, charge, cost, fine, save, spare, tax, tip, wish.
He baked a cake for me.	He confessed his plans to me.	The divorce cost the tycoon \$1.7bn.
He ordered a pizza for Mike.	The post office delivered the package to me.	His coach allowed him a day off training.
He cashed a cheque for me.	He introduced his wife to us.	He was fined £250 for speeding.
The actor performed for his audience.	I returned the book to the library.	I wish you every success.