

Transitive verbs

Transitive verbs take a **Direct Object (DO)**. Removing the DO from the sentence will render it **ungrammatical**.

Sample transitive verbs and sentences are shown below. Ungrammatical sentences are indicated by the **asterisk (*)** sign.

		Sentence structure	
		[Subj] + [V]	[Subj] + [V] + [DO]
Verb	chop	*[Chef Lim] [chopped].	[Chef Lim] [chopped] [the vegetables].
	crave	*[Stacey] [craves].	[Stacey] [craves] [durian ice cream].
	greet	*[The receptionist] [greeted].	[The receptionist] [greeted] [me].
	like	*[Jun Wen] [likes].	[Jun Wen] [likes] [economics].
	meet	*[Sakinah] [met].	[Sakinah] [met] [Anusha].
	secure	*[The company] [secured].	[The company] [secured] [a million-dollar contract].
	sell	*[Devina] [sold].	[Devina] [sold] [computers].
	water	*[Uncle Teng] [waters].	[Uncle Teng] [waters] [his plants].
	zip	*[Leonora] [zipped].	[Leonora] [zipped] [her trousers].

It is important to note that there are several **transitive** verbs that can also function as **ditransitive** verbs. In their ditransitive form, these verbs take an extra Object, called an **Indirect Object (IO)**. Several of these verbs are listed below:

		Sentence structure	
		[Subj] + [V] + [DO]	[Subj] + [V] + [IO] + [DO]
Verb	bake	[Hairianto] [baked] [cookies].	[Hairianto] [baked] [Gemma] [cookies].
	cook	[Mrs. Gan] [cooked] [dinner].	[Mrs. Gan] [cooked] [her family] [dinner].
	buy	[Martha] [buys] [groceries].	[Martha] [buys] [John] [groceries].
	draw	[Vincent] [drew] [an image of flowers].	[Vincent] [drew] [me] [an image of flowers].
	sell	[Devina] [sold] [computers].	[Devina] [sold] [Xin Yi] [computers].