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- In this pattern, the verb is a transitive verb that is followed by two objects and is called (ditransitive)... **di** means **two**
- The first object is called the indirect object while the second object is called the direct object.
- The subject and the two objects have different referents.
S ≠ O_I ≠ O_d
- The transitive verbs that are used in this pattern are limited to a small group of transitive verbs including: give, make, find, send, build, teach, sell, pay, buy, write, offer, feed,...etc.

Examples:

- 1- I owe you some money.
- 2- Whatever she cooked brought them a sense of satisfaction.
- 3- Give her a space to think.
- 4- Can I offer you a cup of tea?
- 5- That funny man was telling me hilarious stories.
- 6- She has been making her friends some homemade cookies.

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Notes:

- If the direct object is replaced by a pronoun, the order of the objects will change and the indirect object will be preceded by a preposition, therefore; it will no longer be an object.

He played me a game of chess.

He played me **it**. ×

He played **it** with me. ✓

She sold the students few tickets.

She sold the students **them**. ×


She sold **them** to the students. ✓

- In this pattern, two passive sentences are possible (the first passive sentence begins with the indirect object and the second one begins with the direct object).

Examples:

My teacher gave me an assignment. (active)

I was given an assignment. 

An assignment was given to me. 

She tells her son a story every night. (active)

Her son is told a story every night.

First passive sentence

A story is told to her son every night.

second passive sentence

**The fraudulent engineer built us an ill-structured house
(active)**

We were built an ill- structured house.

First passive sentence

An ill-structured house was built for us.

second passive sentence