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A transitive verb is a verb that needs one or more objects to complete its meaning.

He bought a car.

He bought her a car.

➤ An intransitive verb is a verb that doesn't need an object to complete its meaning.

It rained.

She spoke quietly during the meeting.

➤ Intransitive verbs include verbs like: (sit, stand, smile, agree, arrive, laugh, ...). These verbs can be followed optionally by one or more adverbs.

Examples:

Riots may explode at any time.

Stop!

Who died in the war?

His grandfather was coughing all night.

I could not study last night because of this horrible weather.

The water level has been rising day by day.

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