



Well-Ordered Language Teacher Training Level 2A

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Chapter 4: Predicate Verbs & Direct Objects

Outline:

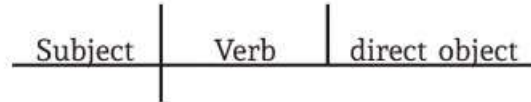
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- For this sentence, we are at a point of dropping the explanation for the type of sentence. Also dropped “subordinate elements” from the script to allow you to flow through the analysis.
- Sentence: **Blind men observe an elephant.**
 - First, read the sentence aloud. “Blind men observe an elephant.”
 - **“This is a sentence, and it is declarative.”**
 - “This sentence is about men. So, men is the subject because it is what the sentence is about.” (Since men is the subject, underline it and place a capital letter S above it.)
 - “This sentence tells us that men observe. So, observe is the predicate because it is what the sentence tells us about men.” (Since observe tells us something about men, double underline the predicate and place a capital letter P above it.)
 - “It is a predicate verb because it shows action. There is no linking verb because predicate verbs do not need linking verbs.” (Since observe shows action, place a capital letter V to the right of the letter P.)
 - “These are the principal elements because they are what are needed for the sentence to be completed.”
 - “Elephant tells us what men observe.” (Since elephant tells what men observe, draw a circle around it.)
 - “So, elephant is an objective element because it completes the meaning of an action verb. It is a direct object because it tells what men observe.” (Write do in lowercase letters beneath the direct object.)
 - (Now move from right to left from the end of the sentence to the beginning.) “An tells us how many elephants.” (Draw a straight line down from the adjective, then a horizontal line toward the word it modifies, and then a straight line with an arrow pointing to the word it modifies.) “So, an is an adjectival element because it modifies a noun. It is an adjective (or article).” (Write adj in lowercase letters in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)
 - “Blind tells us what kind of men.” (Draw a straight line down from the adjective, then a horizontal line toward the word that it modifies, and then a straight line with an arrow pointing to the word it modifies.) “So, blind is an adjectival element because it modifies a noun. It is an



adjective.” (Write adj in lowercase letters in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)

- Diagramming a sentence with a direct object:



- Example of an example sentence with a direct object.

