

Direct and Indirect Objects

Decide whether the underlined word (or words) in each sentence is a direct object, an indirect object, *both*, or a compound direct object. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. Marisa bought me a book for my birthday.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
2. The book told the story of the Donner Party.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
3. In the 1800s, this group of people planned a journey across America.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
4. Many people know the story of the Donner party, but I wanted to learn more.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
5. Marisa gave me a book that she had already read, so she knew it was good.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
6. Both of us enjoy the history and folklore of the American pioneers.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
7. The story of the Donner Party includes tragedy and disaster.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
8. These pioneers had dreams of a new life in California.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
9. But the weather gave them a challenge.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
10. Lansford Hastings promised pioneers an easier route to California.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
11. He wrote a book that explained a cut-off, or shortcut, to California.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
12. His book gave travelers hope for a simpler and safer journey to the West.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
13. Unfortunately, the book provided inaccurate information.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
14. This mistake caused suffering and hardship for dozens of people.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
15. The Donner Party found trouble in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
16. The weather gave them a surprise—an early snowstorm.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
17. This snowstorm trapped them and their belongings in the mountains.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
18. The weather caused the deaths of over thirty people.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*
19. History gives the Donner Party the title of one of the most tragic events in pioneer history.
A direct **C** compound direct
B indirect **D** *both*