

Intransitive Verbs of Movement

We have just looked at Intransitive Verbs in general and we have seen they cannot be followed by an Object, Direct or Indirect (i.e. the Object preceded by to).

It would be helpful to look at the different kinds of Intransitive Verbs, starting with those describing Movement. Here are some examples in sentences: these will not all be in the Present Tense:

Examples

We go to the cinema
Pauline comes from the park
They walked from the town
When did you arrive home?*

*you will notice that *home* is not the Object of the Verb *arrive* (i.e. the Receiver of the Action), but simply describes where you arrive; in other words *home* is a place.

Intransitive Verbs of State

The other type of Intransitive Verb is called a Verb of State (c.f. the Passive in Lesson Thirteen) which far from describing an Action describes a Condition where there is no movement at all; the most celebrated of these verbs is the Verb *to be*, also an Auxiliary (Modal) Verb forming the Passive... Here are some examples

Examples

be; lie; remain; sit; stand, stay

I **am** Paul; she **lies** on the floor; we **remain** in the room;
will you **sit** here? they **were standing** near the door;
you **will stay** with me

More on Verbs of State

You will notice that the above Verbs all describe a position, state, or attitude, and are therefore not followed by anything apart from where or what is happening... **To be** is perhaps slightly different as it is followed by a Complement which basically turns the Verb back on itself:

e.g. in I am Paul, I and Paul are the same...


Reflexive Verbs

We finally come to Reflexive Verbs that we looked at in Lesson Eleven. These do not have a Direct Object as such, but are not *Intransitive*, the *Reflexive Pronoun* acting as a form of *Direct Object Pronoun*, except that the Pronoun and the Subject are the same...

Example

We see ourselves; they wash themselves; etc

n.b. See Lesson Eleven for note about Reciprocal Verbs, where the action is **exchanged with someone else...**

Activity 4	Please complete the following sentences: there may be more than one Answer:
	a) This morning I am ____ into town b) Have you _____ the door? (Not shut...) c) All the children _____ onto the bus (Past Tense) d) It _____ to Peter it would soon be pouring with rain e) Do you _____ what this means? I am not quite sure! f) We try to do what we _____ is right. g) It is clear that those two love _____ h) I cannot see _____ going out this evening

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