



Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

Transitive verbs: If you can identify a subject and a direct object in a sentence, the verb is transitive.

Example: **He** **played** **the violin.**
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 subject verb object

Transitive verbs are when the subject does the action to a specific object.

Intransitive verbs: If you can identify a subject but not a direct object, the verb becomes intransitive.

Example: **He** **played** **well.**
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 subject verb

Intransitive verbs in sentences are when the object is not there or not mentioned.

Further examples for you to try:

Find the subject and the object (if there is one) and identify whether it is a transitive or intransitive verb.

Circle the word in the sentence that is the subject and put an **S** above it.

Circle the verb and put **V**.

Circle the object if it is there and put an **O** above it.

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| 1. The boy rode his bike. | transitive/intransitive |
| 2. The boy cycled all the way. | transitive/intransitive |
| 3. He ate greedily. | transitive/intransitive |
| 4. He ate his sandwich. | transitive/intransitive |
| 5. She ran all the way home. | transitive/intransitive |
| 6. She ran back quickly. | transitive/intransitive |