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## Verbs, Verb Phrases, and Objects

### Focus

#### Rule

#### Example

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Verbs</b> are words that show action or express a state of being.</li> <li>• <b>Verb phrases</b> consist of helping, or auxiliary, verbs, and main verbs.</li> <li>• <b>Direct objects</b> are nouns and pronouns that receive the action of the verb.</li> <li>• <b>Indirect objects</b> are nouns and pronouns for or to whom something is done.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malcolm <b>grew</b> tomatoes and peppers.</li> <li>• I <b>have picked</b> a book for my report.<br/>She <b>could see</b> the deer running.</li> <li>• Pilar finished her <b>homework</b>.<br/>The artist sculpted a <b>statue</b>.</li> <li>• Denzel told his <b>classmates</b> a joke.</li> </ul> |
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### Practice

**Circle the main verb or verb phrase in each sentence below, and underline the direct object(s) once and the indirect object(s) twice.**

1. We were planning a party for my aunt.
2. Please give the plant a good soaking before you leave.
3. We had finished dinner by the time my favorite show came on TV.
4. Kevin would have been thrilled to play bass in the orchestra.
5. Soon the leaves will change to their beautiful fall colors.