

**Intermediate 2**  
**Unit 6: Grammar, Part B**  
**Presented by Mohammad Rajabpur**

## **The Passive Form of Two-Object Verbs**

Some verbs in English can have two objects at the same time: a direct object and an indirect object (personal object). Here are some common verbs in English that can take two objects:

**Verbs with “to” for the indirect object:**

- **Give:** She gave **me** a gift.
- **Send:** He sent **her** a letter.
- **Show:** They showed **us** the way.
- **Tell:** I told **him** a story.
- **Lend:** Can you lend **me** your book?
- **Offer:** She offered **him** a job.
- **Read:** She read **them** a book.
- **Write:** He wrote **her** a note.

**Verbs with “for” for the indirect object:**

- **Buy:** He bought **her** a present.
- **Make:** She made **him** a cake.
- **Find:** I found **you** a seat.
- **Cook:** He cooked **them** dinner.
- **Get:** She got **me** a drink.
- **Build:** They built **us** a house.
- **Save:** He saved **her** a seat.

We can use two-verbs in two ways:

**1) Subject + Two-Object Verb + Direct Object + Preposition + Indirect Object + ...**

Examples:

*They paid some money to George.*

some money ➔ Direct Object

to ➔ Preposition

George ➔ Indirect Object

*The host cooked a delicious meal for the guests.*

a delicious meal ➔ Direct Object

for ➔ Preposition

the guests ➔ Indirect Object

**2) Subject + Two-Object Verb + Indirect Object + Direct Object + ...**

Examples:

*They paid George some money.*

some money → Direct Object

George → Indirect Object

*The host cooked the guests a delicious meal.*

a delicious meal → Direct Object

the guests → Indirect Object

**Point:**

When there are two objects in a sentence, the sentence can be made passive in two ways. For example,

**Active:** The teacher gave the student a book.

**Passive:** The student was given a book.

**Active:** The teacher gave a book to the student.

**Passive:** A book was given to the student.

-----

**Active:** Mr. Jackson bought a house for Sally.

**Passive:** A house was bought for Sally.

**Active:** Mr. Jackson bought Sally a house.

**Passive:** Sally was bought a house.

-----

**Active:** They offered Robert a job in Microsoft Company.

**Passive:** Robert was offered a job in Microsoft Company.

**Active:** They offered a job to Robert in Microsoft Company.

**Passive:** A job was offered to Robert in Microsoft Company.

-----

**Active:** The customer left the waiter a tip.

**Passive:** The waiter was left a tip.

**Active:** The customer left a tip for the waiter.

**Passive:** A tip was left for the waiter.

-----

**Active:** She **sent** him a letter.

**Passive:** He **was sent** a letter.

**Active:** She **sent** a letter to him.

**Passive:** A letter **was sent** to him.

-----

**Active:** He **read** her a story.

**Passive:** She **was read** a story.

**Active:** He **read** a story to her.

**Passive:** A story **was read** to her.

-----

**Active:** They **cooked** us a delicious meal.

**Passive:** We **were cooked** a delicious meal.

**Active:** They **cooked** a delicious meal for us.

**Passive:** A delicious meal **was cooked** for us.

-----

**Active:** I **showed** her the picture.

**Passive:** She **was shown** the picture.

**Active:** I **showed** the picture to her.

**Passive:** The picture **was shown** to her.

**Source:**

[Intermediate 2 \(anglophone.ir\)](http://intermediate2(anglophone.ir))