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<b>Worksheet No: 6</b>	<b>Topic: Transitive &amp; Intransitive Verbs</b>	<b>Note: English Notebook</b>

Verbs can be broken into two types: *transitive* and *intransitive*.

## Transitive Verbs

In Latin, *trans* means *across*. Therefore, the subject transfers the action to the object. Most verbs in English are transitive.

- I *took* my car to the shop.
- We *played* basketball yesterday.

In the above examples, the verbs **took** and **played** are followed by the direct objects **car** and **basketball**, respectively.

## Test for Transitive Verbs

If a verb is transitive, **you will always be able to ask a question beginning with *what* or *whom*.**

For example, “To what shop did you take your car?” or “With whom did you play basketball?”  
By asking these questions, you are asking, “Who or what receives the action of the verb?”

## Intransitive Verbs

In Latin, *intrans* means *not across*. Therefore, intransitive verbs do not take direct objects because there is no action to transfer.

- Pablo’s writing *improved*.
- We *walked* carefully.

Neither of the above examples has a direct object.

## Test for Intransitive Verbs

You can recognize a sentence with an intransitive verb because it **cannot** be rewritten into passive voice.



For example, the sentence “Paul departed late last night” cannot be rewritten to say “Late last night was departed Paul.”

## Special Cases

### *Verbs with Multiple Meanings*

Some verbs can be either transitive or intransitive because they have multiple meanings. When used in the context of physical movement, *run* is intransitive.

Example:

-I *ran* every day when I was an athlete.

-I *run* every morning to stay in shape.

In the context of guiding or overseeing a company or other group of individuals, *run* is transitive.

Example:

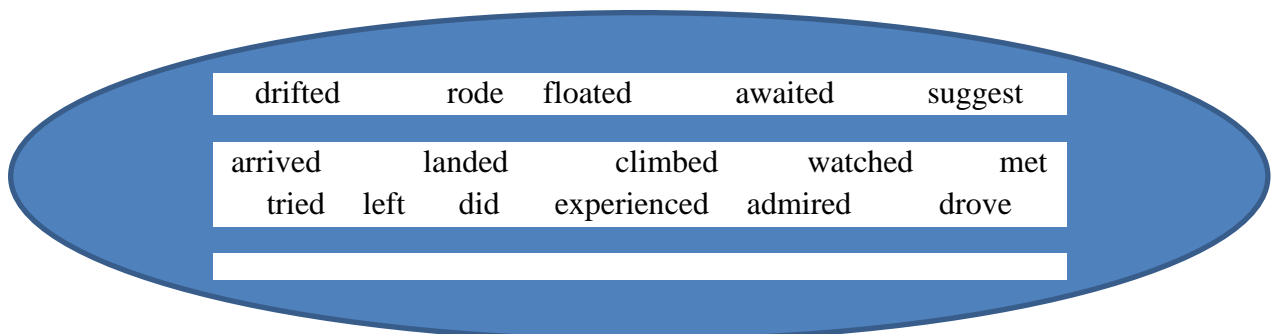
-Joe *runs* his own restaurant.

-Martha *ran* her business efficiently.

**Exercise 1:** Determine if the italicized verb in each sentence is transitive or intransitive.

1. Ron Burgundy has been *gossiping* since early this morning.
2. Jack White *founded* The White Stripes.
3. I *lived* in Las Vegas for a very brief period.
4. I *make* an excellent shrimp stir-fry.
5. Michael Simon *gave* an outrageous speech yesterday.
6. Stephen Curry *slipped* on his way to the basket.
7. The prosecution *proved* the defendant’s guilt.
8. George Lucas *rejected* the script under false pretenses.
9. I *worked* for ten hours yesterday.
10. The GOP *nominated* a questionable candidate.

**Exercise 2:** Using Transitive and Intransitive Verbs from the box given below fill in the blanks ( some words are extra as there are only 10 blanks)



drifted	rode	floated	awaited	suggest	
arrived	landed	climbed	watched	met	
tried	left	did	experienced	admired	drove



Aunt Polly and I \_\_\_\_\_ something really different last summer. We \_\_\_\_\_ on inner tubes down a river in the wilderness. A guide \_\_\_\_\_ our group with a truckful of giant tubes and picnic lunches and \_\_\_\_\_ us about twenty miles upstream. Then everyone \_\_\_\_\_ into a tube in the water. The guide \_\_\_\_\_ in the truck to a picnic spot downstream, halfway back to the base. All morning, we \_\_\_\_\_ lazily along the sunshine and \_\_\_\_\_ the wildlife along the shore. When we \_\_\_\_\_ at the picnic spot, a delicious lunch \_\_\_\_\_ us.

**Exercise 3: Use these verbs in sentences of your own, both transitively and intransitively**

Continue                      return                      manage                      improve                      cough

For more practice: Refer to Pg 19-20 of your MCB

***Answer Key for Exercise 1***

1. intransitive
2. transitive
3. intransitive
4. transitive
5. transitive
6. intransitive
7. transitive
8. transitive
9. intransitive
10. transitive

***Answer Key for Exercise 2***

1. Experienced
2. Floated
3. Rode
4. Met
5. Climbed
6. Drive
7. Drifted
8. Admired
9. Arrived
10. Awaited

***Example for Exercise 3***

1. Let's continue. (Intransitive)

Let's continue reading the book. (Transitive)

Similarly make sentences of your own for the remaining words.

Reference:

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