Action Job Sort

Track what bracketed phrases do in sentences.

8.L.GC.1.53 "Grammar, Mechanics: Use parts of speech and their associated phrases or clauses to perform indicated sentence functions (e.g., subject, direct object, predicate nominative, modifier). (Master)"

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SUBJECT

A subject tells who or what performs the action or is being described. It often comes before the verb.

[Those patient violinists] practiced quietly.

DIRECT OBJECT

A direct object receives the action of an action verb. Ask what or whom after the verb.

Jordan carried [five striped umbrellas].

1 SORT

8 items

Circle SUBJECT or OBJECT for the bracketed words in each sentence, then, for Part 2, choose two items and explain which action word helped you decide and whether the bracketed words do or receive that action.

1. [The sudden thunderstorm] flooded the streets. SUBJECT OBJECT
2. The coach praised [the determined runners]. SUBJECT OBJECT
3. We discovered [a hidden trail] near the river. SUBJECT OBJECT
4. [The old library] closes at six. SUBJECT OBJECT
5. [Several bright lanterns] hung above the porch. SUBJECT OBJECT
6. The mechanic fixed [the loose mirror]. SUBJECT OBJECT
7. [Our science club] designed a solar oven. SUBJECT OBJECT
8. [The final chapter] surprised everyone. SUBJECT OBJECT

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write two new sentences: bracket the subject in one sentence and bracket the direct object in the other.

SUBJECT _____

OBJECT _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with a compound subject and a direct object. Bracket both parts and label each one.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	[The sudden thunderstorm] flooded the streets.	**SUBJECT**	The bracketed noun phrase performs the action flooded.
2	The coach praised [the determined runners].	**OBJECT**	The runners receive the action praised.
3	We discovered [a hidden trail] near the river.	**OBJECT**	The trail receives the action discovered.
4	[The old library] closes at six.	**SUBJECT**	The library performs the action closes.
5	[Several bright lanterns] hung above the porch.	**SUBJECT**	The lanterns perform the action hung.
6	The mechanic fixed [the loose mirror].	**OBJECT**	The mirror receives the action fixed.
7	[Our science club] designed a solar oven.	**SUBJECT**	The science club performs the action designed.
8	[The final chapter] surprised everyone.	**SUBJECT**	The chapter performs the action surprised.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SUBJECT**: [My neighbor] paints murals.
- **OBJECT**: The puppy chased [a yellow ball].

Challenge: [Mia and Devon] packed [their camping gear]. SUBJECT, OBJECT

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify the action verb and explain whether the bracketed words perform or receive the action. In Part 3, student answers may vary if each bracketed phrase has the required sentence job.