

Give me that book! Give it to me!

A

give lend pass send show

After these verbs (give/lend, etc.), there are two possible structures:

give something to somebody

I gave the keys to Sarah.

give somebody something

I gave Sarah the keys.



SARAH

B

give something to somebody

		something	to somebody
That's my book.	Give	it	to me.
These are Sue's keys. Can you	give	them	to her?
Can you	give	these flowers	to your mother?
I	lent	my car	to a friend of mine.
Did you	send	a postcard	to Kate?
We've seen these pictures. You	showed	them	to us.

C

give somebody something

		somebody	something
Tom	Give	me	that book. It's mine.
I	gave	his mother	some flowers.
How much money did you	lent	Joe	some money.
I	lend	him?	
Nicole	sent	you	an email. Did you get it?
Can you	showed	us	her vacation photos.
	pass	me	the salt, please?

You can also say "buy/get somebody something":

I **bought my mother** some flowers. (= I bought some flowers **for** my mother.)
 I'm going to the store. Can I **get you** anything? (= get anything **for** you).

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You can say:

I **gave the keys to Sarah.**
 and I **gave Sarah the keys.**
 (but not I gave to Sarah the keys)

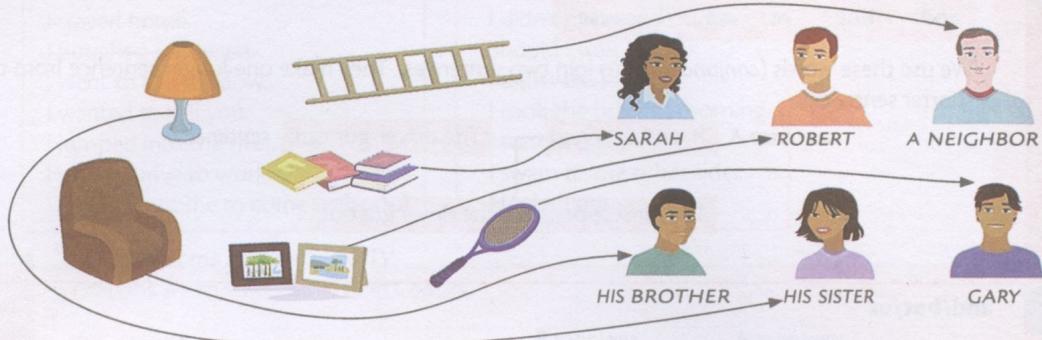
That's my book. Can you **give it to me?**
 and Can you **give me** that book?
 (but not Can you give to me that book?)

We prefer the first structure (**give something to somebody**) with **it** or **them**:

I gave **it to her.** (not I gave her it)
 Here are the keys. Give **them to your father.** (not Give your father them)

Exercises

94.1 Mark had some things that he didn't want. He gave them to different people.

Write sentences beginning **He gave**

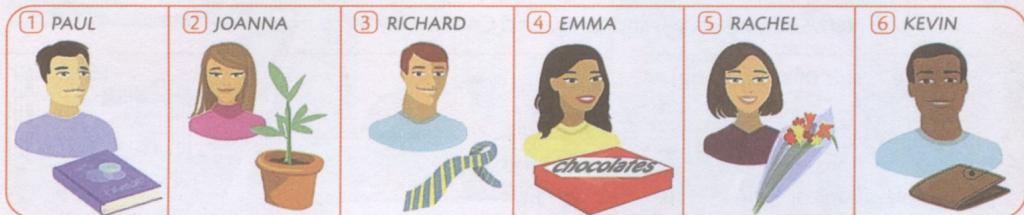
- 1 What did Mark do with the armchair?
- 2 What did he do with the tennis racket?
- 3 What happened to the books?
- 4 What about the lamp?
- 5 What did he do with the pictures?
- 6 And the ladder?

He gave it to his brother.

He gave

He

94.2 You gave presents to your friends. You decided to give them the things in the pictures. Write a sentence for each person.



1 I gave Paul a book.

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2 I gave

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3 I

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94.3 Write questions beginning **Can you give me ... ? / Can you pass me ... ?, etc.**

1 (you want the salt)	(pass)	Can you pass me the salt?
2 (you need an umbrella)	(lend)	Can you
3 (you want my address)	(give)	Can
4 (you need 20 dollars)	(lend)	your
5 (you want more information)	(send)	
6 (you want to see the letter)	(show)	

94.4 Which is correct?

- 1 I gave to Sarah the keys. / I gave Sarah the keys. (I gave Sarah the keys is right)
- 2 I'll lend to you some money if you want. / I'll lend you some money if you want.
- 3 Did you send the bill me? / Did you send the bill to me?
- 4 I want to buy for you a present. / I want to buy you a present.
- 5 Can you pass to me the sugar, please? / Can you pass me the sugar, please?
- 6 This is Julia's bag. Can you give it to her? / Can you give her it?
- 7 I showed to the police officer my driver's license. / I showed the police officer my driver's license.