

UNIT 2 LESSON 54 CONTINUED
UNIT 2, GROUP 1 1 of 2

Teacher's Notes: If students want to refer to any of the examples in their Reference section while doing their tests, allow them to do so. Using reference pages will give them the extra confidence they need, but it will not give them direct answers.

Question and Answer Flow for Sentence 1: Two birds built a nest.

1. What built a nest? birds – SN
2. What is being said about birds? birds built – V
3. Birds built what? nest – verify the noun

Note: Verify the noun is a check to make sure the noun does not mean the same thing as the subject noun. If it does not, then the noun is a direct object.

4. Does nest mean the same thing as birds? No
5. Nest – DO
6. Built – V-t

Note: Always ask the WHAT question immediately after finding the SN and V to get the DO. Mark the verb as a V until the DO has been identified. After you verify the noun as a direct object, then go back and put the "t" on your verb.

Until you find and verify your DO, you will not mark your verb as transitive. The verb will be changed to a V-t because of the direct object. Get the core, SN V-t DO, before you classify the rest of the sentence.

7. A – A
8. How many birds? two – Adj
9. SN V-t DO P2 Check
Note: Check for the "t" on the verb.
10. Verb-transitive – Check again.
Note: No prepositional phrases
11. Period, statement, D
12. Go back to the verb – divide the complete subject from the complete predicate.

Classified Sentence:

	Adj	SN	V-t	A	DO
SN V-t	Two birds / built a nest. D				
DO P2					

Teacher's Notes: A verb-transitive check has been added in Unit 2 because students tend to forget to add the "t" to the verb, even after they say verb-transitive while classifying the direct object. If they leave the "t" off, it is wrong. This is the reason the verb-transitive check is so important for them to remember.

Question and Answer Flow for Sentence 2: Two skillful little birds built a splendid nest in the branches of our tree.

1. What built a splendid nest in the branches of our tree? birds – SN
2. What is being said about birds? birds built – V
3. Birds built what? nest – verify the noun
4. Does nest mean the same thing as birds? No
5. Nest – DO
6. Built – V-t
7. What kind of nest? splendid - Adj
8. A - A
9. In - P
10. In what? branches - OP
11. The - A

12. Of - P
13. Of what? tree - OP
14. Whose tree? our - PPA
15. What kind of birds? little - Adj
16. What kind of birds? skillful - Adj
17. How many birds? two – Adj
18. SN V-t DO P2 Check
19. Verb-transitive – Check again.
20. (In the branches) - Prepositional phrase
21. (Of our tree) - Prepositional phrase
22. Period, statement, D
23. Go back to the verb – divide the complete subject from the complete predicate.

Classified Sentence:

	Adj	Adj	Adj	SN	V-t	A	Adj	DO	P	A	OP	P	PPA	OP
SN V-t	Two skillful little birds / built a splendid nest (in the branches) (of our tree.) D													
DO P2														

