Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

**Directions:** Underline the verb once and write VI if it is an intransitive verb and VT if it is a transitive verb. If there is a direct object, underline it twice and write DO.

**Example 1:** Janie kicked the ball in the goal.
- Janie kicked what? The ball
  - VI

**Example 2:** Shirley sneezed in the garden.
- Shirley sneezed what?
  - There is no answer to this question; therefore it is a transitive verb. “In the garden” lets us know “where” not “what” and is therefore a prepositional phrase and not a direct object.

1. Amanda kicked Joe under the table.
2. I paid the bill last week.
3. James went to the campus café for a bowl of chicken soup.
4. We arrived at the classroom door with only two seconds to spare.
5. Susan complained bitterly.
6. Rosa always eats before going to school.
7. Scarlett wants a proposal from Rhett, the handsome but frivolous soldier.
8. Alice wrote a love poem on yellow paper.
9. During cross country practice, Damien runs over hills, through the field, across the river, and along the highway.
10. Bobby eats mashed potatoes drenched in gravy.
11. Duchess the cat, cleans the dirty milk bowls with her tongue before grandma loads the bowls into the dishwasher.
12. According to the directions, you must leave the conditioner in your hair for 30 minutes.
13. To escape the scorching sun, the cats lie in the shade under the big tree.