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An action verb is **transitive** if the receiver of the action is named in the sentence

EXAMPLE: Sandy opened the window with great difficulty.

*Window* receives the action of the verb *opened*.

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