

But then his voice changed,
and his eyes grew big,
and he began speaking strangely.

“Is this a crystal, which I see
before me, the angle toward my hand?
Come, let me clutch thee....”

He paused, as though
remembering the words, and then
crinkled his nose and
came to his senses.

“Say this,” he said thoughtfully:

“Chickens grab crystals.”

“What?” asked Poodle,
and What? thought Poodle meant him.
Sidney was half-listening. She
wanted to zip up the slope
like a racing snail.

“Chickens grab crystals?”

“Yes. Say it.”



“Chickens grab crystals,” said Poodle.

“Exactly,” said Gramlet.

“Eek! Take a peek.

Chickens is the subject—a noun.

Grab is the action verb. It’s an action!

Crystals is the direct object—another noun.

The direct object will be a noun
or a pronoun, always.

It is called *direct* because
the subject grabs it directly.

The verb will tell thee what
the object is.

It’s like this,”
and he explained:

Chickens	grab	crystals.
n.	v.	n.
subj.	AVP	D.O.

“See? The subject grabs the direct object.

Grabs what? The crystal.

The subject does the verb.

The direct object gets verbed.”