Some transitive verbs are followed by an **object** together with an **object complement**. Note that an object complement is a word or phrase that gives more information about the object. It is usually an adjective or noun phrase.

She made me cry. (object – me; complement – cry)
You make me happy. (object – me; complement – happy)
You are driving us crazy.
She called me a liar.
I found her attitude strange.

‘Would you like to join the committee?’ ‘I would consider it an honor.’

**Structures with as**

After some verbs, an object complement is introduced by **as**. This is common when we say how we describe somebody or something.

We *regarded* him as a genius.
She *described* her attacker as a tall white man with a moustache.

Some verbs are followed by an object + infinitive + complement. The verbs that are usually followed by this structure include the following: *believe, consider, feel, know, find, understand*. In an informal style **that-clauses** are more common.

We *considered* him to be a genius. OR We *considered* that he was a genius.
They *mistook* her to be a German spy.

Note that the verb *think* is not usually followed by an infinitive + complement. Instead we use a **that-clause**.

I thought *that she was mistaken*. (More natural than ‘I thought her to be mistaken.’)

It is possible to drop *to be* after the verbs *believe, consider, find* and *think*.

We *found* her sincere. OR We *found* her to be sincere.
I *considered* the plan unwise. OR I *considered* the plan to be unwise.