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The subject is Phoebe. The transitive verb is opened. The direct object is can.

Underline the transitive verb and circle the direct object in each sentence. Be careful not to mistake objects of the preposition for direct objects.

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