SUBJECT GOES TO A LOCATION

When a subject goes to another subject, it is going to a location. The action of the subject is sent to a location noun. These sentences are expressed with a preposition and a target noun.

SUBJECT ACTS ON A SUBJECT

When a subject acts on another subject, the "doer" subject is marked with an "e" in the T-ASLT format. In both the T-SALT and T-ASLT formats, the action may be marked with a suffix such as "a" or "ina"

Some verbs that transfer from one noun to another in English do not in Samoan.

The following Samoan verbs can only act to a LOCATION noun.

Alofa love
A'oa'o teach
Fa'afetai thank
Fa'atali wait
Fesili ask
Fesoasoani help

Fiafia like

Malamalama understand

Mana'o want Tali reply

Va'ai look/see

Vala'au call inoino hate

ʻai'oi ask anxiously

foliga to look like

'ote scoldTago touchUsita'i, usiusita'i obey

None of the words above would have doers marked with an "e". These actions would NOT act on another subject, they would only go to a location.

Correct: E alofa le tama i le teine.

Incorrect: E alofa e le tama i le teine.