

« Modifier Mishaps »

PROBLEM: Misplaced Modifier: a phrase or clause that modifies an unintended word. Dangling Modifier: a phrase or clause that has no word to modify.	SOLUTION: Place the modifier close to the word it should modify or add a word.
EXAMPLE: Eating out of his dish, dad saw the dog. - misplaced Tired, dinner was ordered. - dangling	CORRECTION: Dad saw the dog eating out of his dish. Tired, mom ordered dinner.

Directions: Write if each sentence has a misplaced or dangling modifier. Then rewrite each sentence so that it functions properly.

1. During the presentation, the man thanked his cat who has his doctoral degree.
2. At the coffee shop, snacking on sweets too.
3. Ripping into presents began celebrating her birthday.
4. After scrubbing the kitchen floor, is ready to clean upstairs.
5. Arguing which movie to see was the kids.
6. Enjoyed the day, splashing in the pool.
7. After hours at work, music was played at home by mom.
8. To finish homework was typing her paper.
9. Sanding the bench, the baby stared at her Dad.
10. Broken, sat sadly on the counter.

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Directions: Rewrite the numbered sentences in the paragraph, correcting dangling and misplaced modifiers.

Jenna was going to run a few errands. She decided to take her dog with her.

- 1) Having started the car, walked out to the mailbox. 2) Head hanging out the window, Jenna petted her dog. At the dry cleaner, she dropped off work suits. 3) Next, filling her car with gas, then drove to the greenhouse. 4) Choosing a gorgeous green shrub, was loaded in the car. Finally Jenna drove through her favorite restaurant and ordered a plain burger.
- 5) Licking and drooling, Jenna smiled at her dog. The day was a success!

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