

Module II :Modifiers

Exercise 1:

1. Which of the following sentence is correct?

- a. Hearing the good news, I was happy.
- b. Hearing the good news, happiness was mine.
- c. Hearing the good news, happy I was.
- d. Hearing the good news, mine was happy.

2. Choose the correct sentence:

- a. Entering the room, the light was off.
- b. Entering the room, I found the light off.
- c. Entering the room, the light was found off by me.
- d. Entering the room, the room was found dark.

3. Having been served lunch_____.

The sentence is incomplete. Choose the one which best completes the sentence.

- a. The problem was discussed by the members of the committee.
- b. It was discussed by the members of the committee, the problem.
- c. The members of the committee discussed the problem.

d. A discussion of the problem was made by the members of the committee.

4. No confusion of the grammatical subject occurs in the sentence:

- 1. Young and inexperienced, the task seemed easy to me.
- 2. Young and inexperienced, it seemed to be an easy task for me.
- 3. Young and inexperienced, I thought the task easy.
- 4. Young and inexperienced, it was an easy task for me.

5. Choose the correct sentence:

- a. While running in the park, his hand was dislocated.
- b. While running in the park, it was his hand that dislocated.
- c. While running in the park, his hand which was dislocated.
- d. While running in the park, he dislocated his hand.

6. In which sentence is the modifier correctly positioned?

- a. Tanya almost drank the whole bottle of cold drink by herself.

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- b. Almost Tanya drank the whole bottle of cold drink by herself.
- c. Tanya drank almost the whole bottle of cold drink by herself.
- d. All of the above

7. Identify the sentence with an error in use of modifier:

- i. His brother had to see a doctor with indigestion.
- ii. His brother with indigestion had to see a doctor.
- a. i
- b. ii
- c. Both i and ii
- d. None of the above

8. Identify the sentence with an error in use of modifier:

- i. While reading *The Grapes of Wrath*, the characters evoke pity.
- While I was reading *The Grapes of Wrath*, I felt pity for the characters.
- a. i
- b. ii
- c. Both i and ii
- d. None of the above

Exercise 2

There are some modifiers in the following examples which are either **misplaced**, altering the writer's intended meaning of the sentences, or **dangling** because they do not really modify anything in the sentence. Underline the modifier and identify if the sentence has a **misplaced**, or a **dangling** modifier. If the sentence is correct, write **no error**.

- i. He greeted his parents at the door in a night gown.
- ii. Sitting silently, the book kept his attention.
- iii. Srishti had her photographs blown up in an envelope.
- iv. The lady washed the car in her bathing suit.
- v. Delivering the mail, a stray dog attacked the man.
- vi. She bought a cake from the bakery with chocolate icing.
- vii. I returned the shirt to the store that my friend gave me.
- viii. With a smile, she accepted the ring.
- ix. Tired and dirty, Ritesh asked for more time to finish the job.
- x. Since failing the first test, I have studied harder.

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Exercise 3

Correct the following sentences with modifier errors in them. Modifiers have been underlined for your convenience.

- i. His aunt walked in as he was scrubbing the floor with her new baby.
- ii. Having finished the work, the television was turned on.
- iii. Jonita thought about throwing a party for her mom while she walked in the park.
- iv. Ajit almost found five thousand bucks under his sofa.
- v. Bessy bought a kitten for my sister she calls Lucy.
- vi. They are looking for a babysitter for their precious baby who does not drink and owns a car.
- vii. The mysterious woman walked toward the car holding an umbrella.
- viii. The young lady was walking the dog on the telephone.
- ix. The mother served biscuits to the children wrapped in aluminium foil.
- x. Charlie spotted a stray puppy driving home from work.
- xi. We returned the juice to the waiter that was sour.

Exercise 4

Correct the following sentences. Each sentence has a modifier error.

- i. Reading a book in the bedroom, the cat was seen under the bed.
- ii. Riding in the sports car, the world whizzed by speedily.
- iii. Tearing up the papers, all my important documents were destroyed.
- iv. Opening the door of the oven, a burning smell filled the kitchen.
- v. Changing gear, the car had difficulty getting up the steep hill.
- vi. Upon hearing her exam results, the news gave her an unexpected surge of joy.
- vii. While visiting Old Delhi, the pigeons were a charming attraction.
- viii. Going into the valley, the snowy Himalayas were visible.
- ix. To see well, the lights in this room need to be adjusted.
- x. Walking toward the forest, the sun began to set.

