

Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers – Exercise 3

Directions: Choose the option that has no misplaced or dangling modifier.

1.
 - A. Drooling in anticipation of the treat, Gizmo waited for Sylvia to reward him with a dog cookie.
 - B. Drooling in anticipation of the treat, Sylvia rewarded Gizmo with a dog cookie. C. Drooling in anticipation of the treat, a dog cookie was given to Gizmo.
2.
 - A. Digging fingernails into his palms, Jerry's speech caused sweatiness and nervousness.
 - B. Digging fingernails into his palms, sweatiness and nervousness about the speech were what Jerry experienced.
 - C. Digging fingernails into his palms, Jerry got sweaty and nervous during the speech.
3.
 - A. Gasping after the five-mile run in the summer sun, the bottle of cool water quenched Donovan's thirst.
 - B. Gasping after the five-mile run in the summer sun, Donovan quenched his thirst with a bottle of cool water.
 - C. Gasping after the five-mile run in the summer sun, Donovan's thirst was quenched with a bottle of cool water.
4.
 - A. Seated around the dining room table, the Thanksgiving turkey made everyone's mouth water.
 - B. Seated around the dining room table, everyone salivated at the sight of the Thanksgiving turkey.
 - C. Seated around the dining room table, the sight of the Thanksgiving turkey made everyone salivate.
5.
 - A. Sipping slowly at the diner counter, the hot soup was enjoyed by Timothy. B. Sipping slowly, the diner counter was where Timothy enjoyed the hot soup. C. Sipping slowly, Timothy enjoyed the hot soup at the diner counter.

- 6.
- A. Tucked into a secret purse pocket, Larissa used her last five-dollar bill to buy a slice of pepperoni pizza and large iced tea.
 - B. To buy a slice of pepperoni pizza and large iced tea, Larissa used her last five-dollar bill, which was tucked into a secret purse pocket.
 - C. Tucked into a secret purse pocket, a slice of pepperoni pizza and large iced tea were purchased with Larissa's last five-dollar bill.
- 7.
- A. Eric broke the lamp while he was bouncing on the bed. B. Bouncing on the bed, the lamp was broken by Eric.
 - C. Breaking the lamp, Eric's bed should not have been bounced on.
- 8.
- A. The repairman fixed the kitchen faucet, which leaked in a wasteful manner.
 - B. Leaking in a wasteful manner, we called a repairman to fix the kitchen faucet. C. Leaking wastefully, the repairman arrived to fix the kitchen faucet.
- 9.
- A. Whining in a pitiful manner, Rodney waited for a commercial break to let the dog in from the rain.
 - B. During a commercial break, Rodney let the dog in from the rain, which was whining in a pitiful manner.
 - C. During a commercial break, Rodney let in the dog, who had been whining pitifully out in the rain.
- 10.
- A. Abdullah gasped as the badly wrapped burrito squirted its contents onto his shirt, which was spicy hot and full of lettuce.
 - B. The badly wrapped burrito squirted its contents onto Abdullah's shirt, which was spicy hot and full of lettuce.
 - C. The badly wrapped burrito, which was spicy hot and full of lettuce, squirted its contents onto Abdullah's shirt.
- 11.
- A. Sneezing and coughing, Emily soon covered the computer keyboard with germs.
 - B. Sneezing and coughing, the computer keyboard was soon covered with germs from Emily.
 - C. Sneezing and coughing, Emily's germs soon covered the computer keyboard.

- 12.
- A. When Kareem walked into the tree, he ripped his shirt and banged his forehead, which was old and holey.
 - B. When Kareem walked into the tree, he ripped his old, holey shirt and banged his forehead.
 - C. Walking into a tree, Kareem's old, holey shirt was ripped, and his forehead got banged.
- 13.
- A. Peeling the banana, this snack satisfied Jackie's hunger.
 - B. Peeling the banana, Jackie's hunger was satisfied with this snack.
 - C. Peeling the banana, Jackie satisfied her hunger with this snack.
- 14.
- A. Joshua used his strong hands to massage Kara's shoulders, which were tight with stress.
 - B. Joshua used his strong hands, which were tight with stress, to massage Kara's shoulders.
 - C. Tight with stress, Joshua used his strong hands to massage Kara's shoulders.
- 15.
- A. Dotted with clouds, Grandma Ruth watched the birthday balloons escape her fingers and float into the sky.
 - B. Floating into the sky dotted with clouds, Grandma Ruth watched the birthday balloons escape her fingers.
 - C. Grandma Ruth watched the birthday balloons escape her fingers and float into a sky dotted with clouds.
- 16.
- A. A dangerous stunt, Franklin flew over the steep staircase, his skateboard landing with a loud clack-clack on the concrete below.
 - B. On a skateboard, Franklin flew over the steep staircase and landed with a loud clack-clack on the concrete below. His dangerous stunt amazed the onlookers.
 - C. Landing with a loud clack-clack on the concrete below, the staircase was jumped by Franklin on a skateboard, which was a dangerous stunt.
- 17.
- A. Swinging at the tennis ball, contact with the racket sent a stab of pain through Paul's elbow.
 - B. Swinging at the tennis ball, Paul felt a stab of pain in his elbow as the racket made contact.
 - C. Swinging at the tennis ball, pain shot through Paul's elbow as the racket made contact.

18.

- A. Madeline admired her nails, which were painted pink with gold sparkles. B. Painted pink with gold sparkles, Madeline admired her nails.
- C. The nails were admired by Madeline painted pink with gold sparkles.

19.

- A. Poking his head through the unzipped top, Freddy the Chihuahua rode inside Jodi's book bag.
- B. Poking his head through the unzipped top, Jodi's book bag was Freddy the Chihuahua's taxi.
- C. Poking his head through the unzipped top, store after store was visited by Freddy the Chihuahua as he rode in Jodi's book bag.

20.

- A. Spewing from the open oven door, the kitchen filled with the thick smoke of LaTanya's burnt cookies.
- B. Spewing from the open oven door, LaTanya filled the kitchen with the thick smoke of burnt cookies.
- C. Spewing from the open oven door, the thick smoke of burnt cookies filled LaTanya's kitchen.

Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers – Exercise 4

Directions: Choose the option that has no misplaced or dangling modifier.

1.
 - A. Filling the shopping cart with D batteries and bottled water, we finally completed our hurricane preparation.
 - B. Filling the shopping cart with D batteries and bottled water, our hurricane preparation was finally complete.
 - C. Filling the shopping cart with D batteries and bottled water, the completion of our hurricane preparation soothed our anxiety.

2.
 - A. Michael rode his bike to the beach, which was squeaky with rust.
 - B. Squeaky with rust, Michael rode his bike to the beach. C. Michael rode his squeaky, rusty bike to the beach.

3.
 - A. After the librarian scolded the noisy teenagers, silence returned. B. Scolding the noisy teenagers, the library returned to silence.
 - C. Scolding the noisy teenagers, silence returned to the library.

4.
 - A. Knocking the baseball into the stands, the fans cheered the homerun.
 - B. Knocking the baseball into the stands, the homerun was cheered by the fans.
 - C. When Wesley knocked the baseball into the stands, the fans cheered the homerun.

5.
 - A. Brushing her long hair, strands fell into the sink where they got washed down the drain and clogged the pipes.
 - B. Because Claudine brushed her long hair over the sink, strands got washed down the drain and clogged the pipes.
 - C. Falling into the sink, Claudine brushed her long hair, which got washed down the drain and clogged the pipes.

- 6.
- A. Wiping fingerprints off his eyeglasses with a paper towel, the book pages were finally readable.
 - B. Wiping fingerprints off his eyeglasses with a paper towel, Kareem could finally read the book pages.
 - C. Wiping fingerprints off the eyeglasses with a paper towel, the wisdom on book pages finally revealed itself to Kareem.
- 7.
- A. Watching the second hand sweep the clock, the end of the boring lecture on the French Revolution seemed as if it would never arrive.
 - B. Watching the second hand sweep the clock, Dr. Grayson's boring lecture on the French Revolution seemed as if it would never end.
 - C. Watching the second hand sweep the clock, Adriana wondered if Dr. Grayson's boring lecture on the French Revolution would never end.
- 8.
- A. Walking in the hot summer sun, sweat dripped from Kenny's face.
 - B. Walking in the hot summer sun, Kenny's face dripped sweat.
 - C. While Kenny walked in the hot summer sun, his face dripped sweat.
- 9.
- A. Collapsed on the couch, Nick's relaxation was well earned after the hard day of moving heavy furniture to his new apartment.
 - B. Collapsed on the couch, Nick relaxed after the hard day of moving heavy furniture to his new apartment.
 - C. Collapsed on the couch, the hard day of moving heavy furniture to his new apartment was soon forgotten as Nick relaxed.
- 10.
- A. For the party, Samantha made pizza gooey with extra cheese.
 - B. Gooey with extra cheese, Samantha made pizza for the party.
 - C. Samantha made pizza for the party, which was gooey with extra cheese.

- 12.
- A. Francis ate his burger alone at the cafeteria table, which he ordered with no onions and extra pickle.
 - B. Alone at the cafeteria table, Francis ate his burger, which he ordered with no onions and extra pickle.
 - C. Alone at the cafeteria table, Francis's burger, which was ordered with no onions and extra pickle, was consumed.
- 13.
- A. Leaping out of the water onto the safe pier, the sight of a shark scared poor Donny. B. The shark scared poor Donny, who leaped out of the water onto the safe pier.
 - C. Leaping out of the water, the pier seemed a safe place to Donny, who had spied a shark.
- 14.
- A. Squirting ketchup on the hot French fries, Gloria's shirt was stained red in a tomato sauce explosion.
 - B. Squirting ketchup on the hot French fries, a tomato sauce explosion stained Gloria's shirt red.
 - C. As Gloria was squirting ketchup on the hot French fries, she stained her shirt red in a tomato sauce explosion.
- 15.
- A. Swerving to miss a squirrel in the street, Harold's car hit a fire hydrant, which crumpled his hood.
 - B. Swerving his car to miss a squirrel in the street, Harold hit a fire hydrant, which crumpled his hood.
 - C. Swerving to miss a squirrel in the street, a fire hydrant crumpled the hood of Harold's car.
- 16.
- A. Zipping his book bag closed, Pedro crossed his arms and closed his eyes, even though his math professor continued solving problems at the board.
 - B. Zipping his book bag closed, Pedro's arms folded and his eyes closed, even though his math professor continued solving problems at the board.
 - C. Crossing his arms and closing his eyes, Pedro's book bag was zipped close, even though his math professor continued solving problems at the board.

17.

- A. Agitating the clothes in the sudsy water, the gravy stain on the shirt disappeared in the wash.
- B. Agitating the clothes in the sudsy water, the washing machine got the gravy stain out of the shirt.
- C. Agitating the clothes in the sudsy water, the shirt lost the gravy stain in the wash.

18.

- A. Mopping up the muddy paw prints, the kitchen tile gleamed in the afternoon light. B. Mopping up the muddy paw prints, the afternoon light made Sarah's kitchen tile gleam.
- C. Mopping up the muddy paw prints, Sarah made the kitchen tile gleam in the afternoon light.

19.

- A. Sipping the glass of iced tea, the liquid soothed Marilyn's parched throat. B. Sipping the glass of iced tea, Marilyn soothed her parched throat.
- C. Sipping the glass of iced tea, Marilyn's parched throat was soothed by the cool liquid.

20.

- A. Folding the pile of T-shirts into perfect squares, Cory's laundry chores got completed.
- B. Folding the pile of T-shirts into perfect squares, this week's laundry smelled clean and fresh.
- C. Folding the pile of T-shirts into perfect squares, Cory finished his laundry chores.

Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers – Exercise 5

Directions: Choose the most logical way to complete each sentence. Make sure that you do not dangle or misplace a modifier.

1. Sucking with its powerful mouth, ...
 - A. the vacuum cleaned dog hair and crumbs off the carpet.
 - B. dog hair and crumbs disappeared from the carpet.
2. Working a minimum-wage job on the weekends, ...
 - A. the expensive gifts that his girlfriend Gloria required couldn't be purchased with Caesar's limited funds.
 - B. Caesar discovered that he couldn't afford the expensive gifts that his girlfriend Gloria required.
3. We enjoyed ...
 - A. the crisp and spicy fried shrimp served on paper plates.
 - B. the fried shrimp served on paper plates which were spicy and crisp.
4. Grooving to the music pumping through his earbuds, ...
 - A. Colby danced on the sidewalk, which amused the passengers waiting for the bus.
 - B. Colby's dance moves amused the passengers waiting for the bus.
5. Squeezing from the bottom of the tube, ...
 - A. toothpaste splattered the mirror.
 - B. Kendra splattered the mirror with toothpaste.
6. Cursing her heavy book bag, ...
 - A. Jillian's professors seldom made assignments in the thick textbooks.
 - B. Jillian lugged around thick textbooks that her professors seldom asked her to use.
 - C. the textbooks that Jillian seldom needed made her shoulders sore.

7. Gobbling the slice of pizza, ...
- A. the complaints of Phillip's growling stomach finally stopped.
 - B. Phillip's growling stomach ceased its complaints.
 - C. Phillip quieted his growling stomach.
8. Inching toward the 12, ...
- A. Christopher watched the minute hand crawl through the last half hour of his work week.
 - B. Christopher's work week would end once the minute hand reached the top of the clock.
 - C. the minute hand crawled through the last half hour of Christopher's work week.
9. Snapping open, ...
- A. Angelina was so happy that she brought an umbrella.
 - B. protection from the rain made Angelina so happy that she had brought an umbrella.
 - C. the umbrella saved Angelina from a soaking in the rain.
10. To keep her hair straight, ...
- A. Diane applied abundant goopy product before she ventured out into the summer humidity.
 - B. abundant goopy product was applied before venturing out into the summer humidity.
 - C. the summer humidity was thwarted with abundant goopy product.
11. Gulping from his sports drink, ...
- A. Rob's thirst was quenched enough to give Coach Jones another hour in the hot Florida sun.
 - B. Rob quenched his thirst enough to give Coach Jones another hour in the hot Florida sun.
 - C. rehydration meant that Coach Jones could expect another hour of practice from Rob even with the hot Florida sun.
12. To get to class on time, ...
- A. campus traffic was dodged as bicycle pedals spun like tornadoes.
 - B. Sam zipped through the campus traffic, his bicycle pedals spinning like tornadoes.
 - C. Sam's bicycle pedals spun like tornadoes as he zipped through the campus traffic.

13. Typing furiously, ...
- A. the keyboard sang as Brandon hurried to finish his draft.
 - B. the draft was completed in time since Brandon has such good keyboarding skills.
 - C. Brandon made the keyboard sing as he hurried to finish his draft.
14. Unwrapping the stick of spearmint gum, ...
- A. saliva filled Lorna's mouth as she anticipated the fresh flavor.
 - B. Lorna salivated in anticipation of the fresh flavor.
 - C. Lorna's mouth watered in anticipation of the fresh flavor.
15. Watering the lawn, ...
- A. Leroy gave the grass a refreshing break from the dry weather.
 - B. the grass enjoyed a refreshing break from the dry weather.
 - C. a refreshing break from the dry weather was given to the grass.
16. Blistering her feet in the hot sand, ...
- A. a pair of flip-flops would have saved Madison's soles.
 - B. Madison's soles could have used the flip-flops left in the car.
 - C. Madison wished she hadn't left her pair of flip-flops in the car.
 - D. the car was where Madison left the flip-flops that she desperately needed.
17. Engrossed in the video game, ...
- A. Andrew ignored his mother, even though she had a plate of macaroni and cheese in hand.
 - B. Andrew's mother could not get her son's attention even though she had a plate of macaroni and cheese in hand.
 - C. Andrew's attention was on blasting space aliens, not eating the macaroni and cheese that Mom offered.
 - D. the macaroni and cheese that Andrew's mother offered could not get Andrew's attention.
18. Wiggling out of the clingy fabric, ...
- A. the tight dress got rejected.
 - B. Anthony was disappointed that Raquel rejected the tight dress.
 - C. the sales clerk brought Raquel a different size to try.
 - D. Raquel rejected the tight dress.

19. Sprinting up the steep hill, ...

- A. the wet leaves made traction difficult for Shantel.
- B. traction was difficult, as the wet leaves slid under Shantel's feet. C. Shantel slid in the wet leaves that made traction difficult.
- D. Shantel's feet had difficulty finding traction in the wet leaves.

20. Working up a sudsy lather, ...

- A. Joey found the hot shower especially refreshing after a long day of yard work in the hot sun.
- B. the hot shower was especially refreshing after a long day of yard work in the hot sun.
- C. the long day of yard work in the hot sun was washed away by the hot shower. D. sweat and dirt washed away while Joey took a hot shower after the long day of yard work.