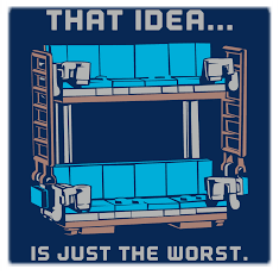




Week 20

Modifiers & How to Diagram Them



A Modifier:

- *modifies* (or changes the meaning of) another element in the sentence, in the same way someone can *modify* a lego Emmett by changing his accessories.
- could be removed without affecting the grammar of the sentence, in the same way we can remove the lego "modifiers" and it's still Emmett underneath.

"Plain" sentence:

SN Vt DO
Emmett followed directions.



Emmett	followed	directions
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Sentence subject modified with adjectives:

adj adj C adj SN
The creative and inventive Emmett
 Vt DO
followed directions.



Emmett	followed	directions
the creative inventive		

Sentence modified with a Prepositional Phrase:

Prep OP SN
In The Lego Movie, Emmett
 Vt DO
followed directions.



Emmett	followed	directions
	In	The Lego Movie

Sentence modified with an Adjectival Clause:

SN SP adv Vt adj
Emmett, who often bought overpriced
 DO Vt DO
coffee, followed directions.



Emmett	followed	directions
who	bought	coffee
	often	overpriced

Sentence modified with an Adverbial Clause:

SN Vt adj DO adv
Emmett followed directions when
 SP VI Vt DO
he was building structures.



Emmett	followed	directions
	when	
he	was building	structures