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Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers – Exercise 3

This handout accompanies Exercise 3 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

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.



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