

C2.3 UNIT 7

Exercise 1. Five sentences are listed below. Label whether the sentence is a misplaced modifier (M), a dangling modifier (D), or is correct (C). Rewrite the corrected sentences on the lines below. The answers are at the bottom of this article.

1. Always eager for cake, the birthday party was attended by everyone.
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2. Water from the sprinklers started to rust the brand-new child's bike.
_____.
3. Driving to the party, the present rattled around in the trunk.
_____.
4. Forgetting that the microphone was on, the whole audience heard the singer's fight with his wife.
_____.
5. Wagging her tail, the new puppy climbed into my lap.
_____.
6. I refuse to buy a meal from a restaurant that has meat.
_____.
7. After painting all day, the bright new watercolor was drying in the sunshine.
_____.
8. Late as always, Mike made quite an entrance when he came to the party.
_____.

Exercise 2. Rewrite the following sentences to eliminate any dangling modifiers. Some sentences can be revised in more than way.

1. Growing up poor in rural Kansas, summers always meant extra chores, a day job and little time for vacation.
_____.
2. To fix the problems with the draft of your essay a trip to the writing center is recommended.
_____.
3. Excited by the pounding music, there was nothing to do but join the crowd on the dance floor.
_____.
4. Not completely finished with the test, the proctor told the students to put their pencils down anyway.
_____.
5. Outdated and unworkable, the coaches decided to revise the team's code of the conduct.
_____.

6. Looking at the gate closely, many irregularities were found.

_____.

Exercise 3. Using the word given, rewrite the following sentences by eliminating the problems with modifier placement.

1. In our neighborhood all dogs must be accompanied by an adult on a leash. **LEASHED**

_____.

2. A Reno man encountered a range cow on the road, traveling by auto with his wife. **WHILE**

_____.

3. Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope. **HE**

_____.

4. At the end of the party, the hostess gave balloons to the children in the shape of fantastic animals. **ALL**

_____.

5. A memorial service will be held next Wednesday evening for Maud Hawkins, who died last week, said her family. **REQUEST**

_____.

6. We noticed lots of litter and trash walking down Main Street. **WALK**

_____.