

MISPLACED AND DANGLING MODIFIERS – EXERCISE 3

Directions: Choose the option that has no misplaced or dangling modifier. Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

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.

