

MISPLACED AND DANGLING MODIFIERS – EXERCISE 4

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

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, Professor 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 Professor Grayson's boring lecture on the French Revolution would ever 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.

11.

- A. Hissing with bursts of hot steam, LeAnn pressed the pants with an iron.
- B. LeAnn pressed the pants with an iron hissing with bursts of hot steam.
- C. With an iron, LeAnn pressed the pants which hissed with bursts of hot steam.

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 while Professor Johnson continued solving algebra problems at the board.
- B. Zipping his book bag closed, Pedro's arms folded and his eyes closed while Professor Johnson continued solving algebra problems at the board.
- C. Crossing his arms and closing his eyes, Pedro's book bag was zipped close while Professor Johnson continued solving algebra 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.

