

# MISPLACED MODIFIERS

**Directions:** Choose the sentence in which the modifiers are correctly placed.

1.

- A. Sitting on the top shelf of the refrigerator, Desmond saw Mom's pristine birthday cake.
- B. Desmond, sitting on the top shelf of the refrigerator, saw Mom's pristine birthday cake
- C. Sitting on the top shelf of the refrigerator, Mom's pristine birthday cake caught Desmond's attention.

2.

- A. Loudly slurping the bowl of hot soup, Derrick's impolite behavior annoyed the other diner patrons.
- B. As Derrick loudly slurped the bowl of hot soup, his impolite behavior annoyed the other diner patrons.
- C. Loudly slurping the hot soup, the other diner patrons were annoyed by Derrick's impolite behavior.

3.

- A. Seated by the window, Barbara munched popcorn on the long bus ride home.
- B. Seated by the window, popcorn was munched by Barbara on the long bus ride home.
- C. Barbara munched popcorn seated by the window on the long bus ride home.

4.

- A. Rosalind struggled up the three flights of stairs in her new jeans, which were too tight for comfort.
- B. Too tight for comfort, Rosalind struggled up the three flights of stairs in her new jeans.
- C. In her new jeans, Rosalind struggled up three flights of stairs, which were too tight for comfort.

5.

- A. Twisting in the strong wind, we knew the hurricane was close as we watched the trees.
- B. We knew the hurricane was close as we watched the trees twisting in the strong wind.
- C. We knew the hurricane was close, twisting in the wind, as we watched the trees.

6.

- A. Applying red toenail paint, Will asked Rhonda if she could interrupt her beauty regimen to go to the mall.
- B. Will asked Rhonda, who was applying red toenail paint, if she could interrupt her beauty regimen to go to the mall.
- C. Will asked if Rhonda could interrupt her beauty regimen to go to the mall, which was applying red toenail paint.

7.

- A. Struggling with the algebra problem, the pencil tapped nervously on Kenneth's desk.
- B. Struggling with the algebra problem, Kenneth's desk was tapped nervously with the pencil.
- C. Struggling with the algebra problem, Kenneth nervously tapped his pencil on the desk.

8.

- A. Marking his score sheet with care, the hope this week was that Byron would pass his vocabulary quiz.
- B. Marking his score sheet with care, Byron hoped that this week he would pass his vocabulary quiz.
- C. Hoping that this week he would pass his vocabulary quiz, the score sheet was marked carefully by Byron.

9.

- A. Splashing in the puddles left by the thunderstorm, Jayanti cooled her hot feet.
- B. Splashing in the puddles left by the thunderstorm, the cool water refreshed Jayanti's hot feet.
- C. Splashing in the puddles, the thunderstorm cooled Jayanti's hot feet.

10.

- A. Huddled by the door, the rain made the wet kitten cry to come in.
- B. Crying to come in, the door is where the wet kitten huddled during the rain.
- C. Huddled by the door, the wet kitten cried to come in from the rain.

