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.