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## Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers – Exercise 4

This handout accompanies Exercise 4 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. 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, Dr. 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 Dr. Grayson's boring lecture on the French Revolution would never 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, even though his math professor continued solving problems at the board.
  - B. Zipping his book bag closed, Pedro's arms folded and his eyes closed, even though his math professor continued solving problems at the board.
  - C. Crossing his arms and closing his eyes, Pedro's book bag was zipped close, even though his math professor continued solving 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.



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