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. Squirtiing ketchup on the hot French fries, Gloria's shirt was stained red in a tomato sauce explosion.
   B. Squirtiing 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.