

Dangling and Misplaced Modifiers

Each of the following sentences includes either dangling or misplaced modifiers. Rewrite them, correcting the errors.



1. To run efficiently, the mechanic should oil the engine thoroughly.
2. At the cookout, Shirley served clam chowder to hungry guests in bowls.
3. The dentist sent me a bill for the teeth he filled by mail.
4. While racing down a deserted highway at ninety miles per hour, two deer crashed into our car.
5. Walking into the bar, the dog followed at his master's heels.
6. Piled up next to the washer, I began doing the laundry.
7. Changing the oil every 3,000 miles, the car seemed to run better.
8. The car thief was described as a tall man with a moustache weighing 150 pounds.
9. Though only sixteen, UCLA happily accepted Brent's application.
10. Deciding to join the Navy, the recruiter excitedly shook Sylvia's hand.

11. Strolling through the meadow, the grass tickled my feet.
12. When purchasing a new cell phone, the wide variety of available plans can be overwhelming to consumers.
13. Inflatable children's play equipment can be dangerous.
14. The post office announced that employees would receive suspicious mail training.
15. Mom sent my brother to the store to buy extra thick child wipes for the baby.
16. The young girl walked the dog in a short skirt.
17. We could understand the Spanish spoken by our friends from Madrid easily.
18. We almost ate all of the Thanksgiving turkey.
19. By accident, he poked the cat with his finger in the eye.
20. I heard that my roommate intended to throw a surprise party for me while I was outside the bedroom door.
21. Growing in the back of the fridge, Lucy found some mold.

22. The pine tree shaded my bedroom which was also a home to a family of squirrels.

23. The guy carrying a ferret who was whistling a Beatles' tune refused to give up his place in the line.

24. I gave my niece a photo of her golden retriever in a silver frame.

25. Our office has a daycare center now; those who have children and don't know about it can contact Mr. Legg for more information.

26. Despite being murderous and cannibalistic, the movie critic noted that Hannibal Lechter has some redeeming qualities.

27. Boring and unoriginal, the professor didn't hesitate to point out the essay's flaws.

28. The clerk handed the groceries to the customer in a paper bag.

29. The cat in the alley hissed up at me with a rat trapped under one claw.

30. Putting the leash on, the dog bit Joey.