

# MODIFIERS

# What is a modifier?

- A **modifier** is a word/phrase/clause which modifies other words in a sentence.
- It changes, alters, limits, or adds more info in the sentence.
  
- For example:
  - a) The silver fish  
The **silver** fish (word)
  - b) The fish in the pond  
The fish **in the pond** (phrase)
  - c) The fish that he caught  
The fish **that he caught** (clause)

# Types of Modifiers

- ❑ Adjective/ Adjective clause
- ❑ Adverb/ Adverbial clause
- ❑ Infinitive phrase
- ❑ Participle phrase
- ❑ Prepositional phrase
- ❑ Appositive

They can also be: articles, determiners, and demonstratives

# Types of Modifiers

- Depending on the position:
  1. Pre-modifiers: Pre-modifiers are the modifiers which modify the words that follow them in the sentence.  
Example: I like dark chocolate.
  1. Post-modifiers: Post-modifiers are the modifiers which come after the words they modify.  
Example: Reem, the CR of our class is absent today.

- A sentence example:

The little boy standing by the concession stand reminds me of my brother.

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# Dangling Modifiers

- ▣ A modifier is considered dangling when the sentence isn't clear about what is being modified.

Example: Wild and untamed, Jack entered the jungle.

Correct: Jack entered the wild and untamed jungle.

# What's a Dangling Modifier?

- ▣ A dangling modifier is a word or phrase that modifies a word not clearly stated in the sentence. A modifier describes, clarifies or gives more detail about a concept.

For example:

Waiting for the bus, the time went by slowly.

Nope, the time did not wait for the bus but you did.



# What's a Dangling Modifier?

- ▣ A dangle modifier dangles because the word or words it is supposed to describe are not in the sentence.

INCORRECT Jogging in the park, a dog bit me.

(The dog wasn't jogging in the park, the actual jogger is missing from the sentence)

CORRECT Jogging in the park, I got bitten by a dog.  
Or while I was jogging in the park, a dog bit me.



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