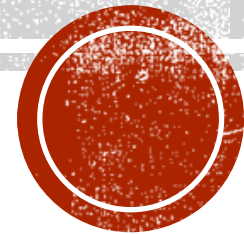


HOW TO FIX MODIFIERS?



IDENTIFYING DANGLING MODIFIERS

- After stealing the TV, the police caught the thief.

Modifier: After stealing the TV

Modified Subject: the police (Wrong)

- Correct Sentence: After stealing the TV, the thief was caught by the police

A modified subject usually sits write after the modifier. When a modifier wrongly modifies a subject in a sentence it is called dangling modifier. Dangling modifiers are found in the beginning of a sentence.



IDENTIFYING MISPLACED MODIFIERS

- She **nearly combs her hair** for ten minutes every night.

Modifier: nearly

Modified Subject: combs her hair

- Correct Sentence: She combs her hair for **nearly ten minutes** every night.
- *A modifier that appears incorrectly in the sentence is called a Misplaced modifier. Misplaced modifiers usually appear in the middle or in the end of a sentence.*



IDENTIFYING SQUINTING MODIFIER

- **Whispering** quickly annoys her.

Modifier: quickly

Modified subject: not clear

- Correct Sentence: Whispering annoys her quickly.
- When a modifier does not clearly modifies any subject in the sentence it is called a squinting modifier.



CORRECTING DANGLING MODIFIERS

- Method 1: Rewrite the Main Clause

Ex: **After getting lost**, **the owner** finally found the puppy.

Corrected: **After getting lost**, **the puppy** was finally found by the owner

Method 2: Rewriting the Modifier

Ex: **When in class three**, **my mother** went back to college.

Corrected: **When “I” was in class three**, **my mother** went back to college.



CORRECTING MISPLACED MODIFIERS

- The parrot spoke to **the little boy** in the cage.
- Correct: **The parrot** in the cage spoke to the little boy.

- The robber was a tall man with **a mustache** weighing 90kgs.
- Correct: **The robber** was a tall man weighing 90kgs with a mustache.

- I gave the woman **an umbrella** who was interviewing for the job.
- Correct: I gave an umbrella to **the women** who was interviewing for the job / I gave **the woman** who was interviewing for the job an umbrella.

