

Misplaced & Dangling Modifiers

What is a modifier?

In English grammar, a modifier is a **word**, **phrase**, or **clause** that adds **further context** or **additional detail** to a complete thought.

Misplaced Modifiers:

How to Correct Misplaced Modifiers:

Misplaced:

The nefarious witch concocted a pernicious poison with a crooked nose.

Correct:

Misplaced:

Billy could not go to school in his small sports car with a broken leg.

Correct:

Dangling Modifiers:

How to Correct Dangling Modifiers:

1. _____

Dangling:

At the age of three, my dad taught me how to sing the ABCs.

Correct:

2. _____

Dangling:

After failing the test, the teacher unleashed an angry rant towards the students.

Correct:

Misplaced & Dangling Modifiers Review

- A.** *Identify and underline the misplaced or dangling modifier.*
- B.** *Correct the sentence using one of the rules from the notes.*

1. While being restrained by court officials, the judge sentenced the kidnappers.
2. Margaret Atwood wrote that someone was as innocent as a bathtub full of bullets in a poem.
3. The apprentice watched as the master carpenter expertly fit the door with attentive eyes.
4. On Monday morning, the students on the bus stared at the ceiling or read the newspaper with tired faces.
5. Not having much sleep, my concentration during class was weak.
6. I almost filled an entire notebook with biology lab drawings.
7. In a sentimental frame of mind, Adele's song brought tears to Beth's eyes.
8. Walking by the lakeshore, a water snake brushed past my leg.
9. The photographer pointed his camera at the deer equipped with a special night vision scope.
10. Joined at the hip, a team of surgeons successfully separated the conjoined twins.