

Correcting Dangling and Misplaced Modifiers

Each of the following sentences contains a modifier error. Identify the error and then re-write the sentence to correct it. In order to demonstrate understanding of the skill, be sure you are still using a modifier and placing it next to the correct word. For sentences with dangling modifiers, you will need to insert the word that the modifier is supposed to be modifying.

1. After sitting in a jar of brandy for a month, Mrs. Smith decided that her “drunken peaches” were ready to serve.
2. Stuck at the bottom of the large, narrow-necked jar, Andre could not quite reach the last pickle.
3. The bride walked down the aisle with her father dressed in a white satin gown.
4. Working with full concentration, the hours passed quickly.
5. Hanging on a chain, Melinda wears her child’s picture around her neck.
6. Sitting on the front porch, mosquitoes feasted on Melinda’s bare arms.
7. By arriving at the aquarium early, crowds can be avoided.
8. Jared almost saved 15 percent of his income last year.
9. With a huge yawn, Al’s TV was turned off and the door was locked.
10. Paying for my groceries, the clerk said that the store was going out of business.