

Correct Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers #1

Misplaced and dangling modifiers in your writing can confuse your readers. You can correct misplaced or dangling modifiers by rearranging or rewriting the sentence to make sure that the modifiers are next to the word or phrase they are modifying.



Rewrite each sentence to correct the misplaced or dangling modifier. **Sample Answers**

- 1 Diego couldn't wait to show his brother the rock he found by the river that was smooth and iridescent.

Diego couldn't wait to show his brother the smooth and iridescent rock that he found by the river.

- 2 The Cohen family saw a herd of bison on a road trip through South Dakota.

On a road trip through South Dakota, the Cohen family saw a herd of bison.

- 3 The girls playing double Dutch were practicing for a national jump rope competition in the park.

The girls playing double Dutch in the park were practicing for a national jump rope competition.

- 4 Upon reaching the mountain's summit, the clouds gave way to a stunning view of the valley below.

As we reached the mountain's summit, the clouds gave way to a stunning view of the valley below.

- 5 Jackie loves to knit hats for her friends that are fun and unique.

Jacking loves to knit fun, unique hats for her friends.

- 6 Although primarily known for their burn-relieving properties, scientists are still studying aloe vera plants for other possible medical uses.

Although aloe vera plants are primarily known for their burn-relieving properties, scientists are still studying these plants for other possible medical uses.

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- 7 Archie and his band performed an original song at the school talent show for Archie's dad.

At the school talent show, Archie and his band performed an original song for Archie's dad.

- 8 Sizzling loudly, the waiter placed the large order of steak fajitas in the center of the table.

The waiter placed the large order of fajitas, which were sizzling loudly, in the center of the table.

- 9 Gripping the reins tightly, the old Appaloosa mare took off across the field at a gallop.

She gripped the reins tightly as the old Appaloosa mare took off across the field at a gallop.

- 10 As Harvey pulled up in the red truck, grinning from behind the wheel, his friends cheered with delight.

As Harvey, grinning from behind the wheel, pulled up in the red truck, his friends cheered with delight.

- 11 Elena stared intently at the clock sitting anxiously in the back of the crowded room.

Elena, sitting anxiously in the back of the crowded room, stared intently at the clock.

- 12 Invented in the 1840s, Adolphe Sax designed the saxophone to combine the best qualities of woodwind and brass instruments.

Invented by Adolphe Sax in the 1840s, the saxophone was designed to combine the best qualities of woodwind and brass instruments.

- 13 Determined to hit his first home run, Mario focused on the ball in the pitcher's hand with a fierce gaze.

Determined to hit his first home run, Mario focused his fierce gaze on the ball in the pitcher's hand.