

Correct Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers #2

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.

- 1 Zanaya reluctantly climbed the stairs of the towering water slide trembling with nervous anticipation.

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- 2 Crashing against the rocks nearby, the sunbathers were surprised by the sudden, wild waves.

- 3 In 1811, Mary Anning discovered the first ichthyosaur skeleton, one of the earliest paleontologists.

- 4 Heated to temperatures of over 1,000 degrees Celsius, ceramic artists use special ovens called kilns to fire their pottery.

- 5 Nalani patiently coaxed her friend's bunny out of the cage with blueberries.

- 6 Looking closely, the painting contained hundreds of small painted dots that created the larger image.

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Keep going! Rewrite each sentence to correct the misplaced or dangling modifier.

- 7 Because they continually activate different muscle groups, the balance and coordination of young athletes tends to improve the longer they play sports.

- 8 Aiden laced up his trusty, well-worn skates looking nervous before the ice dancing auditions.

- 9 Playing their energetic finale at halftime, the crowd went wild cheering for the Kennedy High School marching band.

- 10 Walt Whitman composed some of America's most iconic poems, often recognized in photos by his bushy, white beard.

- 11 Using photosynthesis, over half of Earth's oxygen is produced by sea plants like seaweed and plankton.

- 12 Helen Sharman became Britain's first astronaut, formerly a chemist for a candy company, after responding to a radio advertisement.
