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Use Phrases and Clauses as Modifiers

A modifier is a word, phrase, or clause that modifies, or describes, another word or phrase. A modifier helps create a more engaging sentence that holds the reader's attention.

Consider the following sentence.

Lily's favorite sneakers were now covered in a thick layer of red dirt.



Now, consider the sentence with a clause that modifies the subject.

Lily's favorite sneakers, which she received as a birthday gift, were now covered in a thick layer of red dirt.

The clause provides additional information about the subject of the sentence, making the sentence more interesting and detailed.

Using modifiers can also be a great way to increase sentence variety in your writing. When modifying a noun or noun phrase, use adjective clauses, infinitive phrases, participial phrases, prepositional phrases, or appositives.

Directions: Rewrite each sentence to include a phrase or clause that correctly modifies the highlighted noun or noun phrase.

1. The study group met in the library after school.

2. Meara and Brett stayed up late and went to the roof to watch the meteor shower.

3. I'd like to join the photography club.

4. Michele joined the Laford Cove Sailing Club.

5. Jamar bought new sunglasses for his vacation next week.

6. My grandmother gifted me mixing bowls.

7. The flyer advertised several dog-walking job opportunities in our neighborhood.

8. Bryson's teammates nominated him to serve as the tennis team captain.
