

## Misplaced Modifiers Answer Key

1. What is a modifier?  
***A word, phrase or clause that adds additional description to a sentence.***
2. Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?
  - a. The battery in my car died.
  - b. The man in the brown suit ran toward the taxi.
  - c. The man in the drawer found his handkerchief.***
  - d. The mouse was caught in the trap.
3. Which sentence contains a dangling modifier?
  - a. The registration desk was located in the gymnasium.
  - b. The students on the table completed the form.***
  - c. Student registration took place at three o'clock.
  - d. The students were dismissed at five o'clock.
4. Which sentence contains a dangling modifier?
  - a. The hunger strike protests our cafeteria food.
  - b. Doug's mom hung on the wall her favorite painting.***
  - c. The new sports car was stolen from the parking lot.
  - d. Our cat likes to play with the dog next door.
5. Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?
  - a. While on its way to Jupiter, the Starship Enterprise flew through a powerful dust storm.
  - b. The spaceship will orbit Jupiter for six months.
  - c. The spaceship's warriors battled the Klingon Empire for many years.
  - d. The grateful soldier relaxed after years of battle in his living room.***
6. Which sentence has a dangling modifier?
  - a. Amazingly, the man in the cast rode the bicycle around the block.
  - b. Bozo the Clown wears baggy pants.
  - c. Having finished the homework assignment, Geraldo turned on the TV.
  - d. The man walks slowly down to the saloon with the cowboy boots.***

7. What is the correct way to write the following sentence?

The young girl was walking the dog is a red skirt.

- a. The young girl walked the dog wearing a red skirt.
- b. *The young girl in a red skirt was walking the dog.***
- c. The young girl walked the dog while wearing a red skirt.
- d. The young girl walked the dog. She wore a red skirt.

8. Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?

- a. The dog with the brown spots belongs to that child.
- b. The car was parked in the garage for fifteen years.
- c. The car's battery was dead.
- d. *Hanging on the wall, she glanced in the mirror.***

9. In the following sentence, which word does the modifier describe?

Zoe played a trumpet who was five.

- a. Zoe
- b. *trumpet***

10. How can you fix a sentence with a misplaced modifier?

- a. *Move the modifier***
- b. Change the modifier
- c. Delete the modifier
- d. Write a new sentence