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## Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers – Exercise 5

This handout accompanies Exercise 5 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

**Directions:** Choose the most logical way to complete each sentence. Make sure that you do not dangle or misplace a modifier.

1. Sucking with its powerful mouth, ...
  - A. the vacuum cleaned dog hair and crumbs off the carpet.
  - B. dog hair and crumbs disappeared from the carpet.
  
2. Working a minimum-wage job on the weekends, ...
  - A. the expensive gifts that his girlfriend Gloria required couldn't be purchased with Caesar's limited funds.
  - B. Caesar discovered that he couldn't afford the expensive gifts that his girlfriend Gloria required.
  
3. We enjoyed ...
  - A. the crisp and spicy fried shrimp served on paper plates.
  - B. the fried shrimp served on paper plates which were spicy and crisp.
  
4. Grooving to the music pumping through his earbuds, ...
  - A. Colby danced on the sidewalk, which amused the passengers waiting for the bus.
  - B. Colby's dance moves amused the passengers waiting for the bus.
  
5. Squeezing from the bottom of the tube, ...
  - A. toothpaste splattered the mirror.
  - B. Kendra splattered the mirror with toothpaste.
  
6. Cursing her heavy book bag, ...
  - A. Jillian's professors seldom made assignments in the thick textbooks.
  - B. Jillian lugged around thick textbooks that her professors seldom asked her to use.
  - C. the textbooks that Jillian seldom needed made her shoulders sore.

7. Gobbling the slice of pizza, ...
  - A. the complaints of Phillip's growling stomach finally stopped.
  - B. Phillip's growling stomach ceased its complaints.
  - C. Phillip quieted his growling stomach.
  
8. Inching toward the 12, ...
  - A. Christopher watched the minute hand crawl through the last half hour of his work week.
  - B. Christopher's work week would end once the minute hand reached the top of the clock.
  - C. the minute hand crawled through the last half hour of Christopher's work week.
  
9. Snapping open, ...
  - A. Angelina was so happy that she brought an umbrella.
  - B. protection from the rain made Angelina so happy that she had brought an umbrella.
  - C. the umbrella saved Angelina from a soaking in the rain.
  
10. To keep her hair straight, ...
  - A. Diane applied abundant goopy product before she ventured out into the summer humidity.
  - B. abundant goopy product was applied before venturing out into the summer humidity.
  - C. the summer humidity was thwarted with abundant goopy product.
  
11. Gulping from his sports drink, ...
  - A. Rob's thirst was quenched enough to give Coach Jones another hour in the hot Florida sun.
  - B. Rob quenched his thirst enough to give Coach Jones another hour in the hot Florida sun.
  - C. rehydration meant that Coach Jones could expect another hour of practice from Rob even with the hot Florida sun.
  
12. To get to class on time, ...
  - A. campus traffic was dodged as bicycle pedals spun like tornadoes.
  - B. Sam zipped through the campus traffic, his bicycle pedals spinning like tornadoes.
  - C. Sam's bicycle pedals spun like tornadoes as he zipped through the campus traffic.

13. Typing furiously, ...
- A. the keyboard sang as Brandon hurried to finish his draft.
  - B. the draft was completed in time since Brandon has such good keyboarding skills.
  - C. Brandon made the keyboard sing as he hurried to finish his draft.
14. Unwrapping the stick of spearmint gum, ...
- A. saliva filled Lorna's mouth as she anticipated the fresh flavor.
  - B. Lorna salivated in anticipation of the fresh flavor.
  - C. Lorna's mouth watered in anticipation of the fresh flavor.
15. Watering the lawn, ...
- A. Leroy gave the grass a refreshing break from the dry weather.
  - B. the grass enjoyed a refreshing break from the dry weather.
  - C. a refreshing break from the dry weather was given to the grass.
16. Blistering her feet in the hot sand, ...
- A. a pair of flip-flops would have saved Madison's soles.
  - B. Madison's soles could have used the flip-flops left in the car.
  - C. Madison wished she hadn't left her pair of flip-flops in the car.
  - D. the car was where Madison left the flip-flops that she desperately needed.
17. Engrossed in the video game, ...
- A. Andrew ignored his mother, even though she had a plate of macaroni and cheese in hand.
  - B. Andrew's mother could not get her son's attention even though she had a plate of macaroni and cheese in hand.
  - C. Andrew's attention was on blasting space aliens, not eating the macaroni and cheese that Mom offered.
  - D. the macaroni and cheese that Andrew's mother offered could not get Andrew's attention.
18. Wiggling out of the clingy fabric, ...
- A. the tight dress got rejected.
  - B. Anthony was disappointed that Raquel rejected the tight dress.
  - C. the sales clerk brought Raquel a different size to try.
  - D. Raquel rejected the tight dress.

19. Sprinting up the steep hill, ...
- A. the wet leaves made traction difficult for Shantel.
  - B. traction was difficult, as the wet leaves slid under Shantel's feet.
  - C. Shantel slid in the wet leaves that made traction difficult.
  - D. Shantel's feet had difficulty finding traction in the wet leaves.
20. Working up a sudsy lather, ...
- A. Joey found the hot shower especially refreshing after a long day of yard work in the hot sun.
  - B. the hot shower was especially refreshing after a long day of yard work in the hot sun.
  - C. the long day of yard work in the hot sun was washed away by the hot shower.
  - D. sweat and dirt washed away while Joey took a hot shower after the long day of yard work.



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