

# Misplaced & Dangling Modifiers

1. Adjective
2. Adjective
3. Adjective
4. Adjective
5. Verb - Base Form
6. Verb - Present Ends In Ing
7. Animal
8. Adjective
9. Adjective
10. Family Member
11. Name
12. Animal
13. Name
14. Adjective
15. Name
16. Verb - Past Tense
17. Name
18. Verb - Present Ends In Ing
19. Number
20. Name
21. Noun - Plural
22. Noun - Plural
23. Verb - Present Ends In S

24. Number
25. Number
26. Day Of The Week
27. Verb - Base Form
28. Name
29. Name
30. Verb - Present Ends In S
31. Name
32. Adjective
33. Name
34. Location
35. Adjective
36. Noun
37. Adjective
38. Adjective
39. Noun
40. Occupation
41. Number
42. Verb - Past Tense
43. Animal
44. Name
45. Verb - Present Ends In Ing
46. Location
47. Name
48. Color

49. Noun

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50. Noun

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What is a misplaced modifier, you ask? A misplaced modifier is a word, phrase or clause that is improperly separated from the word it describes. Because of the separation, sentences with this error often sound

\_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_. Furthermore, they can be downright \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_.

A dangling modifier is a phrase or clause that is not clearly and logically related to the word or words it modifies (i.e. is placed next to).

Two notes about dangling modifiers:

- Unlike a misplaced modifier, a dangling modifier cannot be corrected by simply moving it to a different place in a sentence.

- In most cases, the dangling modifier appears at the beginning of the sentence, although it can also come at the end. Sometimes the dangling modifier error occurs because the sentence fails to \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb - Base Form* \_\_\_\_\_ anything to which the modifier can refer.

Here are examples of misplaced and dangling modifiers:

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After \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present ends in ING \_\_\_\_\_ up, there was a \_\_\_\_\_ Animal \_\_\_\_\_ on his bed.

- I had a dream where I was \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ last night in the 1980s.

- Picking on my \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ Family member \_\_\_\_\_, I told him to knock it off.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Animal \_\_\_\_\_ ate the lunch of \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_, which was \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_.

- I read that \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ was getting \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense \_\_\_\_\_ in the newspaper.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ boyfriend gave her an engagement ring, who she had been \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present ends in ING \_\_\_\_\_ for  
nearly \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ is often forced to run \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ for the family that he  
\_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present ends in S \_\_\_\_\_.

- When \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ years old, my mother sent me to a boarding school for \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- The teacher said on \_\_\_\_\_ Day of the week \_\_\_\_\_ that she would soon \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Base Form \_\_\_\_\_.

- Only I gave \_\_\_\_\_ *Name* \_\_\_\_\_ a hug.

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Name* \_\_\_\_\_ almost \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb - Present ends in S* \_\_\_\_\_ at everything \_\_\_\_\_ *Name* \_\_\_\_\_ says, even when it really isn't that \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Name* \_\_\_\_\_ nearly gave everyone in the \_\_\_\_\_ *Location* \_\_\_\_\_ a heart attack with his \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_ stage \_\_\_\_\_ *Noun* \_\_\_\_\_.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_ girl someday plans to become a \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_ *Noun* \_\_\_\_\_.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ *Occupation* \_\_\_\_\_ lived to almost age \_\_\_\_\_ *Number* \_\_\_\_\_.

- They \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb - Past Tense* \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ *Animal* \_\_\_\_\_ for my sister named \_\_\_\_\_ *Name* \_\_\_\_\_.

- While \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb - Present ends in ING* \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ *Location* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ *Name* \_\_\_\_\_ found a \_\_\_\_\_ *Color* \_\_\_\_\_ man's \_\_\_\_\_ *Noun* \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ *Noun* \_\_\_\_\_.