

Directions: Underline the modifier and circle what it is modifying. Then, write out the correct sentence.

1. While riding my bike to the library, the dog began to bark.
2. She observed the monstrous skyscraper with binoculars.
3. Donna served hot dogs, fries, and potato salad to her guests on paper plates.
4. Did you see a guy cross the bridge with a beard?
5. The red sports car was reported stolen by the police officer.
6. While fixing my bicycle chain, the ice cream man drove by.
7. Buddy sat in the chair with a broken leg.
8. Sam played the "Star-Spangled Banner" to the audience on his saxophone.
9. Covered with dirt, I saw the farmer plowing his field on my bike.
10. While lacing my shoelaces, the cat yawned and settled into the chair.

11. Which sentence contains a dangling modifier?
- To raise a good dog, patience is useful.
 - Moving slowly, Bowie stalked the rabbits.
 - After eating the cat food, Bowie belched.
 - all of the above
 - none of the above
12. Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?
- The dog bit only the mail carrier. [Intended meaning: The dog bit the mail carrier but didn't bite anyone else.]
 - He talked too quickly.
 - You should consider your options carefully.
 - all of the above
 - none of the above
13. Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?
- He only talks about changing his habits. [Intended meaning: He only talks but does nothing else, like consulting a physician or psychiatrist, about changing his habits.]
 - A dog appeared in my dreams that sang like an angel.
 - The steak on the grill is hers.
 - all of the above
 - none of the above
14. Which sentence contains a dangling modifier?
- After washing my car, I waxed it.
 - After talking with our veterinarian, I felt better about the prognosis.
 - She called her boyfriend because she missed him.
 - all of the above
 - none of the above
15. Which sentence is grammatically correct?
- Only Bill wanted to go to the lake. [Intended meaning: Bill wanted to go to the lake, but no one else did.]
 - Bill only hinted that he would help us move. [Intended meaning: Bill hinted but did not, for example, promise that he would help us move.]
 - Bill only wanted Mary to win. [Intended meaning; Bill wanted Mary to win, but did not want anyone else to win.]
 - all of the above
 - none of the above
16. Which sentence contains a dangling modifier?
- Having worked for the company for twenty years, my benefits were still not sufficient.
 - Having taught phonology every semester for the last five years, he was eager to teach syntax.
 - After sweating in Reavis Hall throughout the summer, I am ready for winter.
 - all of the above
 - none of the above

