

# DANGLING MODIFIER

A dangling modifier is a grammatical error that occurs when a modifying phrase or clause is not clearly and logically connected to the word or phrase it is intended to modify. It “dangles” because it is left without a clear subject to modify, resulting in confusion or ambiguity in the sentence.

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### **Q1: Which of the following sentences is a dangling modifier example?**

- A: Running down the street, the dog chased the ball.
  - B: After finishing her homework, the book was read by Maria.
  - C: Excitedly, the birthday cake was decorated by the children.
  - D: Walking slowly, the flowers bloomed in the garden.
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### **Q2: What is a dangling modifier?**

- A: A verb form used as an adjective.
  - B: A modifier that is incorrectly placed in a sentence.
  - C: A modifier that does not have a clear word or phrase to modify.
  - D: A grammatical error that occurs in compound sentences.
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### **Q3: Which of the following sentences correctly fixes the dangling modifier?**

- A: After the movie ended, the popcorn was eaten by us.
  - B: Watching the sunset, a sense of calm washed over her.
  - C: To improve his skills, practice is needed by the athlete.
  - D: Tired and hungry, the restaurant was finally reached by them.
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### **Q4: Can a sentence have multiple dangling modifiers?**

- A: Yes, but it is rare.
  - B: Yes, but it is considered grammatically incorrect.
  - C: No, a sentence can only have one dangling modifier.
  - D: No, dangling modifiers do not occur in well-formed sentences.
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### **Q5: Which of the following sentences contains an incorrectly placed modifier?**

- A: The children played happily in the park.
  - B: She carefully opened the door with a key.
  - C: Quickly, the car sped down the highway.
  - D: Writing an essay, time flew by for the student.
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### **Q6: How can you fix a sentence with a dangling modifier?**

- A: Remove the modifier from the sentence.
  - B: Rearrange the words to correctly connect the modifier to its intended subject.
  - C: Replace the modifier with a different grammatical structure.
  - D: Add a coordinating conjunction to join the modifier and its intended subject.
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### **Q7: What is the purpose of an absolute phrase in a sentence?**

- A: To modify a noun or pronoun in the main clause.
  - B: To introduce a dependent clause.
  - C: To indicate time, place, or manner.
  - D: To provide additional information about the main clause.
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### **Q8: Which of the following sentences contains an absolute phrase modifier?**

- A: Running late, she hurried to catch the bus.
  - B: The rain stopped, allowing us to continue the picnic.
  - C: Having finished the test, the answer sheet was submitted.
  - D: To improve his skills, practice is necessary for the musician.
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### **Q9: What is the function of a gerund in a sentence?**

- A: To modify a verb.
  - B: To indicate possession.
  - C: To act as the subject of a sentence.
  - D: To join two independent clauses.
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### **Q10: Which of the following sentences contains a gerund modifier?**

- A: The dog barked loudly, startling the neighbors.
  - B: After the game, the trophy was awarded to the winning team.
  - C: To bake a cake, flour and sugar are needed.
  - D: Excited about the trip, the suitcases were packed.
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## Answers

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**Q1:** B - After finishing her homework, the book was read by Maria.

**Q2:** C - A modifier that does not have a clear word or phrase to modify.

**Q3:** A - After the movie ended, the popcorn was eaten by us.

**Q4:** A - Yes, but it is rare.

**Q5:** D - Writing an essay, time flew by for the student.

**Q6:** B - Rearrange the words to correctly connect the modifier to its intended subject.

**Q7:** D - To provide additional information about the main clause.

**Q8:** B - The rain stopped, allowing us to continue the picnic.

**Q9:** C - To act as the subject of a sentence.

**Q10:** C - To bake a cake, flour and sugar are needed.