

MISPLACED MODIFIER

A misplaced modifier refers to a grammatical mistake resulting from the improper placement of a word or phrase within a sentence. As a consequence, this leads to ambiguity or confusion concerning its intended meaning. You can imagine this issue as misplacing a puzzle piece, disrupting the entire interpretation of a sentence. A sentence like “Running down the street, the dog chased the ball” may cause one to assume that the dog was running instead of the person.

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Q1: Which of the following is a misplaced modifier?

- A: The dog barked loudly, waking up the entire neighborhood.
 - B: Running down the street, the car hit the pedestrian.
 - C: She found a silver necklace in a small box.
 - D: The students eagerly studied for their upcoming exams.
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Q2: Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?

- A: The cat sat on the mat, purring loudly.
 - B: Searching through the kitchen, the missing keys were found.
 - C: Running down the street, the car hit the pedestrian.
 - D: With great excitement, the concert tickets were purchased.
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Q3: Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?

- A: Speeding down the road, the car suddenly swerved.
 - B: The car suddenly swerved, speeding down the road.
 - C: The car swerved suddenly, speeding down the road.
 - D: The car swerved down the road, suddenly speeding.
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Q4: Which of the following sentences contains a misplaced modifier?

- A: After finishing his dinner, the movie was watched by John.
 - B: John watched the movie after finishing his dinner.
 - C: The movie was watched by John after finishing his dinner.
 - D: After his dinner, John watched the movie.
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Q5: Identify the sentence with a correctly placed modifier:

- A: Running through the field, the ball was caught by the player.
 - B: The player caught the ball running through the field.
 - C: The ball was caught by the player running through the field.
 - D: The player caught the ball through the field running.
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Q6: Which sentence has a misplaced modifier?

- A: I found a ring while walking my dog in the park.
 - B: While walking my dog, a ring was found by me in the park.
 - C: I found a ring in the park while walking my dog.
 - D: While walking my dog, I found a ring in the park by chance.
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Q7: Select the sentence that does NOT contain a misplaced modifier:

- A: Hiking in the mountains, the view was breathtaking.
 - B: The view was breathtaking while hiking in the mountains.
 - C: While hiking in the mountains, the breathtaking view appeared.
 - D: While hiking in the mountains, I was amazed by the breathtaking view.
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Q8: Which sentence has a misplaced modifier?

- A: After finishing my homework, the book was read by me.
 - B: The car raced past the finish line driven by the professional driver.
 - C: She found a ring in the garden that belonged to her grandmother.
 - D: While jogging in the park, a squirrel crossed my path unexpectedly.
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Q9: Identify the sentence with a correctly placed modifier:

- A: Swimming in the pool, the sun was shining brightly.
 - B: The sun was shining brightly while swimming in the pool.
 - C: While swimming in the pool, the bright sun was shining.
 - D: While swimming in the pool, I noticed the bright sun shining.
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Q10: Which sentence has a misplaced modifier?

- A: Talking on the phone, the doorbell rang loudly.
 - B: The doorbell rang loudly while talking on the phone.
 - C: While talking on the phone, I heard the doorbell ring loudly.
 - D: While talking on the phone, the loudly ringing doorbell startled me.
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Answers

Q1: B - Running down the street, the car hit the pedestrian.

Q2: B - Searching through the kitchen, the missing keys were found.

Q3: A - Speeding down the road, the car suddenly swerved.

Q4: B - John watched the movie after finishing his dinner.

Q5: C - The ball was caught by the player running through the field.

Q6: B - While walking my dog, a ring was found by me in the park.

Q7: D - While hiking in the mountains, I was amazed by the breathtaking view.

Q8: D - While jogging in the park, a squirrel crossed my path unexpectedly.

Q9: D - While swimming in the pool, I noticed the bright sun shining.

Q10: A - Talking on the phone, the doorbell rang loudly.