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Quiz & Worksheet - Misplaced Modifiers and Dangling Modifiers

1. The most important reason modifiers should be correctly placed in a sentence is that ____.
- Misplaced and dangling modifiers demonstrate sloppy writing and grammar skills.
 - Authors need to be responsible for writing with proper literary style and tone.
 - Mistakes in modifiers can be unintentionally funny to the reader.
 - Well placed modifiers make the intended meaning of the sentence clear to the reader.
- 2.
- In the following sentence, identify the misplaced modifier and why it doesn't work.
- The Senator nearly spoke for two hours about the somewhat unfair tax increase before the committee tiredly voted on the motion.
- "Tiredly," because it should appear after the word "motion."
 - "Nearly," because it should appear before the words "two hours."
 - "Before the committee tiredly voted on the motion," because it should appear at the beginning of the sentence.
 - "Somewhat," because it weakly modifies the word "unfair."
- 3.
- In the following sentence, identify the dangling modifier and why it is wrong.
- Since getting that new job out of town, my gas bills have doubled and my car is falling apart.
- "Gas bills" and "my car," because they incorrectly serve as subject nouns in the sentence.
 - "Out of town," because it incorrectly inserts a preposition between the modifier and the subject.
 - "Since getting that new job," because it incorrectly modifies "my gas bills."
 - "And my car is falling apart," because it incorrectly adds a second clause to the modifier.

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What's the Error? Fix It!

Identify the errors in the following sentences as follows:

Comma splice: CS (Two sentences are separated by just a comma)

Run-On sentence: RO (Two sentences are put together without punctuation)

Rambling sentence: RS (A sentence goes on and on without a break)

Fragment: F (Not a complete sentence; missing a subject or a verb)

- _____ He enjoys walking along the ocean, he often goes to the beach on vacation.
- _____ The best thing about school is socializing students love to talk to each other.
- F So you don't get wet, Put your rain jacket on.
- RS Roger wants to go to college so he can get a good job ~~because~~ most employers prefer a college degree, but there are some who just want a high school diploma if the applicant has some job experience.
- RO Please don't talk when a student is addressing the class ~~you~~ is rude and prevents other students from learning.
- F Because it's a sunny day today, my car wasn't at
- RO It seems that there is always a war somewhere in the world I don't ~~understand~~ why people have to fight all the time.
- RO Georgetown is a pretty part of Washington ~~Why~~ people like to go there but parking is very difficult, and there is no Metro.
- CS This year the first day of spring was on March 20th ~~It~~ usually is on March 21st.
- RS I love cats and I love dogs even more because they are a bit more friendly than cats ~~and~~ they will come when you call them but they can't purr like cats can.

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Proverbs and Adages

A **proverb** is a short statement saying that gives a valuable piece of advice or practical wisdom. Proverbs are more widely used than adages.

An **adage** is a short memorable saying that contains a universal truth. Adages have a longer history than proverbs.

Complete the proverbs and adages with words from the word list.

friends	time	times	out	never
none	ways	place	like	hardness

- Barking dogs seldom _____.
- A man is forgotten by his _____.
- A _____ has everything and everything in its place.
- _____ is never so quick as _____.
- A rolling _____ gathers no moss.
- The best things in _____ are free.
- A stick in time _____ none.
- Full moons _____, stand up right.
- Good things come to those who _____.
- As you sow so shall you _____.

Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers Quiz

1. The general rule is to place modifiers -
- A. as near as possible to the words they modify.
 - B. immediately before the words they modify.
 - C. as close as possible to the start of the sentence.

2. How does one fix dangling modifiers?
A. Change the ambiguous phrase into a main clause.
B. Make clear the real subject of the sentence.

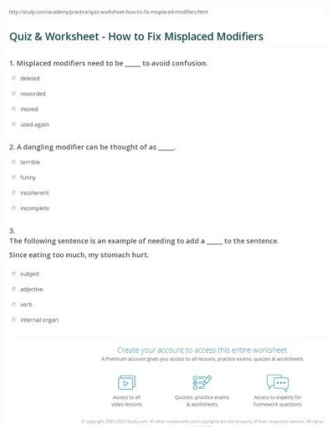
3. "Fred found the fish in the bucket he had caught earlier in the day."
 A. This sentence is correct.
 B. This sentence has a misplaced modifier.

4. "The man learned when it was vital to trust in others."
A. This sentence is correct.
B. This sentence has a misplaced modifier.

5. "I only know ten of the players on the Yankees."
A. This sentence is correct.
B. This sentence has a misplaced modifier.

6. Find the error: Believing themselves^a above the law, the public^b hates those powerful politicians who^c bend the rules for their own^d gain. No Error^e
 A. B. C. D. E.

7. Find the error: With only five^a minutes remaining in the test, Jill realized suddenly^b that she had not barely^c begun the last^d multiple choice section. No Error^e
- A. B. C. D. E.

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quarter. Remember that you will be familiar with the place in your narrative, but your reader may not be. Copy the following terms into your vocabulary notebook: comitatus, scopps, mead-hall, lord, thane. You are going to be learning about the Anglo-Saxons as you study literature from their time period. He feels sorry for her that she thinks she is in love with a donkey, Polonius leaves to tell Claudius and Gertrude that he believes he knows why Hamlet has been acting so bizarre. The king's nephew, Lucianus, pours poison into the king's ear. So present perfect progressive would be: I have been hoping. He wrote in Middle English. His style was classical and he focused on love poems as well as spiritual thoughts. Writing CLEP Prep Read about chiasmus. Write a Response to Literature journal entry for what you've listened to of Mere Christianity. George Herbert (1593-1633) had such popular works as The Altar, A Priest to the Temple, and The Sacrifice. We will be reading some of Ben Jonson's poetry. If you have not kept at the pace, remember your paper is due in 1 week (on Lesson 90). Claudius tells Laertes he will arrange a fencing match for Hamlet and Laertes. Robinson makes it clear to Friday that he is no longer to be a cannibal. We will trace the history of these different religious factions as we learn about different authors and their works. Writing Read this article about tips for writing a personal narrative. (answer: He wants to show God's way or will to men.) Grammar Take this adverb quiz. Willoughby made some selfish choices and chose to run away from his responsibilities. Read "Death Be Not Proud" (Holy Sonnet 10). Marianne's reaction to Willoughby being gone is a perfect display of her sensibility. As part of your personal CLEP preparation, you should familiarize yourself with the plot, characters, and themes of Carroll's famous works: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Through the Looking-Glass, and Jabberwocky Lesson 166 Reading Read about Matthew Arnold . Read about Gascoigne. Writing Watch this vidcast on MLA formatting basics. She is worried for his safety.) What happens with Osbert's plans? Henry Howard- Earl of Surrey (1517-1547) wrote Two Translations of Virgil's Aenid. Each pair of lines is a heroic couplet. Hamlet begins to narrate this part and tells the room that soon the murderer will win over the widowed queen. Define the following terms in your vocabulary notebook: context, poetic license Reading Read about Alexander Pope. Horatio and Marcellus try to keep Hamlet from following it. Jane Austen often adds some sort of witty commentary in as an aside. Although this is obviously wrong, their interaction is a large part of the plot. Unit Test* *Print Unit Test #2. Ask for feedback and take notes on what is given. Claudius gives him permission to return to France. Do you have a thesis or a couple of ideas for one? Be sure to take notes on any feedback you get from the reader of your paper and make decisions on which suggestions you will implement. What is the rhyme scheme of this poem's stanzas (answer: ababccdc) How does the speaker discuss the progression of man? A poem may seem straightforward in its meaning, but the imagery has a double meaning. A big piece of British history happening during the transition was called The War of the Roses. His passionate writing was considered alarming or disturbing. Lesson 167 Reading Read about George Eliot. (answer: Venerable Bede) John Donne, George Herbert, and Andrew Marvell were associated with what type of poetry? Here are some discussion questions you might want to use to help you: In this act, we get a glimpse into Claudius' thoughts during his prayer/soliloquy. Gawain's struggles with this awkward situation are part of the lesson to be gained in the poem. There can be nonrestrictive appositives which use commas, parentheses, or dashes. Which? This is one example of our main character not being a "good guy" at all times. He wrote poems, pamphlets, plays, and stories. Hamlet speaks alone about the hour being late and the time of evil spirits approaching. The next two scenes have Hamlet playing with puns and some clever use of language. You are allowed to move at your own pace (this is homeschooling), but it's intended you complete one lesson a day. Can you determine if a particular character is primarily using sense or sensibility? William Shakespeare liked to use puns and jokes to entertain his audiences. Read the entire sonnet aloud to yourself or someone else to get a feel of the rhythm and the flow of the language. Another famous work of his is, The Picture of Dorian Grey (1891). Check for any spelling or grammatical errors. Grammar Read this handout about interjections. (answer: The Earl tells his people to revenge his death rather than allow the dishonor of the marriage. His uncle? Write a character summary for him in your notes. Lesson 58 Vocabulary Reading Even though I will be giving you some summary and commentary, I still want you to carefully read through these scenes before you look at my notes. Review your notecards to see where you might have gathered this type of information and work to include it into your draft. (answer: the wind) What are two problems the speaker finds with a summer's day? We will be talking about it briefly as it had such an impact. Who is missing in the beginning of this chapter? Watch this video of a song about conjunctions. If you're having trouble, use a dictionary to find words that contain the suffix and have a definition that fits with its meaning. You will use it several times. What does the speaker personify in the third line? article. This encyclopedia site asks you to turn off your ad blocker to support its non-profit efforts. He seems to be convinced that the man can swim safely back, but this still comes across as an aggressive and self-centered move. Grammar Lesson 14 Vocabulary Copy the following into your vocabulary notebook. A Midsummer Night's Dream was Shakespeare's first comedy. It can answer several questions such as: What kind? Grade your score out of 30. A grade should be recorded out of 50 points. Re-score your essay with the rubric and record your score out of 60. Jonathan Swift's novel, Gulliver's Travels, uses diction to create a mood of repulsion at the idea of war: "And being no stranger to the art of war, I have him a description of cannons, culverins, muskets, carabines, pistols, bullets, powder, swords, bayonets, battles, sieges, retreats, attacks, undermines, countermines, bombardments, sea-fights..." Lesson 106 Vocabulary Reading Robinson Crusoe has a lot of success while living in Brazil, but he still isn't satisfied. Hamlet is joined by the trio from Scene 1. It's is a contraction for it is. It is on page 18-19 of the PDF (page 16 & 17 of the document itself). He wrote heroic plays (The Conquest of Granada) and tragicomedies (Marriage A-la-Mode). Writing Grammar Read about the passive voice. Watch this video about Radcliffe's works and the Gothic novel. (answer: Bottom tells them the Duke has chosen for their play to be performed as entertainment. Now, take a look over your outline's main headings and subheadings to begin to think about how you might be able to use transitions to connect the ideas. A noun is usually described as the part of speech that names or identifies a person, place, thing, quality (idea), or activity. (answer: Charles Dickens) What New Zealand author wrote short stories such as "Miss Brill", "Prelude", "The Garden Party", "The Doll's House", and "The Fly"? Record your grade out of 30 using the Writing Rubric: Writing a Response to Literature CLEP Prep Who is considered the founder of English history and is the author of Ecclesiastical History of the English People? The Miss Steeles are troublesome to Elinor and Marianne. Be sure to mark down the source this information comes from as you take notes. Read about Henry Vaughan. Reading Read Chapters 48-50. Many of Osbert's men were killed. (answer: She sees Bottom, who now has the head of a donkey, and falls in love with him.) Grammar Read about Demonstrative Pronouns. morality play - a popular play in the 15th and 16th centuries where the story was an allegory with characters personifying moral qualities humanism - a return to the classics of Greek literature and thought created a renewed interest in secular philosophy with a focus on personal independence and expression nationalism - love and loyalty for one's own country (sometimes to an extreme) Reading We are going to be learning about the next period in British literature. Hamlet uses word play with his responses to them and he insults them. The helping verb is helps the verb taking in this sentence. Line 15 reads, "A little learning is a dangerous thing." This line has become a famous quote although you may have heard it as, "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing". Here the audience finds out that Hamlet has told Horatio at least some part of what the ghost told Hamlet. This is when a possessive noun is acting as an adjective and modifies another noun. He sees it is a young lady and that she is joined by an older widow. (Only the first page is needed.) (alternate link) We are only going to be reading Book 1. How many? Chapter 6 has an example of this when the ladies are in need of a topic for conversation, "On every formal visit a child ought to be of the party, by way of provision for discourse." CLEP Prep Examples of aphorism: Francis Bacon, in Of Praise, wrote: "PRAISE is the reflection of virtue; but it is as the glass or body, which giveth the reflection." William Shakespeare, in Macbeth, wrote: "Life is a tale told by an idiot - full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." William Shakespeare, in A Midsummer Night's Dream, wrote: "Lord, what fools these mortals be!" Example of ambiguity: Hamlet is a very ambiguous character in William Shakespeare's Hamlet. Lesson 133 Unit: Romanticism & 19th Century/Victorian Reading CLEP Prep Look again at "The Tyger". Lesson 54 Vocabulary Define the following terms in your vocabulary notebook: high comedy, comic relief,low comedy, tragic hero tragedy - a form of literature or drama with a somber mood where a character's downfall is usually caused by a character flaw or some external power dooming him to his fate Review your vocabulary from Lessons 46-54 for tomorrow's vocabulary quiz. (answer: He falls in love with Mary and wants to marry her. Who is the speaker in this poem? Claudius stands and asks for the lights to be lit. The final exam will not be cumulative. Baxter was considered to be very concerned for the poor and he worked with local ministers to help them. He modeled his work after Horace. Read Four Main Components For Effective Outlines Read How and Why To Create An Outline. Define the following terms in your vocabulary notebook: amiable - pleasant and agreeable bay - barking; loud call from far away sxpence - a British coin worth half a shilling and used in the past discourse - conversation Reading Read Act V. The war officially ended when Henry Tudor (a Lancastrian) defeated the Yorkist, Richard III. Remember that the poem has a speaker and an audience. Read this article about some historical findings. Sings is an intransitive verb because there is no action being transferred to an object. Grammar Another part of speech is the conjunction. (answer: Thomas Hardy) Lesson 154 Reading Read Chapters 45-47. CLEP Prep Example of exposition: William Shakespeare's Othello opens with an argument between Roderigo and Iago, where the audience discovers that Iago has hopes of bringing about Othello's end. (You can read more detailed info about The War of The Roses if you'd like to, but this is completely optional.) In the last part of the Middle Ages, British literature gained an important step through the invention of the printing press. Have them read the rest of what you have. Hamlet continues by showing Gertrude a picture of Claudius and King Hamlet side by side. He was a cowherd. (answer: The speaker is saying his best work was his son.) Writing* *Complete the proofreading exercise Lesson 9: Run-on Sentences II from page 30 of the Editing & Proofreading PDF. (ex. CLEP Prep Read about syllogism in literature. Go ahead and stop it. Record your grade out of 30 using the rubric. He describes the Gospel message as being profound, yet simple enough for Crusoe and Friday to be exploring it together on their island. The ghost seems like it is about to speak, but a rooster crows and the ghost disappears. The Countess is torn about how she feels about this information. Hamlet plans to wait with them that night to try to see the ghost himself. (answer: Oberon tells Puck to go find the Athenian man and use the nectar on him, so he falls in love with the woman.) Grammar Reflexive pronouns are pronouns ending in -self or -selves. After reading the introduction, the reader should have had a picture in their mind of what your paper's purpose was and some thoughts on how you were planning on developing the paper. Complete this comma splices and fused sentences exercise. Lesson 73 Vocabulary Study your vocabulary words from Lesson 65 onward for Lesson 75's quiz. You can follow along with the audio for Act V here. Horatio, considered to be a wise scholar, has been brought along for this third night as a witness. The answer functionality may not be working. Hamlet tells Horatio that part of the play is very close to what the ghost told him. (answer: He is her brother-in-law.) What brought Louisa and Laura to be prisoners in this apartment? and Mrs. Charles Dickens' novel, Great Expectations: "So furious had been the gusts, that high buildings in town had had the lead stripped off their roofs; and in the country, trees had been torn up, and sails of windmills carried away; and gloomy accounts had come in from the coast, of shipwreck and death. There are four feet, but only seven syllables: Tiger Tiger BURN ing BRIGHT IN the FOR ests OF the NIGHT Let's look at "She Walks in Beauty". Faustus sells his soul to Lucifer for fame and power, but struggles with whether he should try to repent. He spoke against the religious hypocrisy and greed he saw in his time. Lesson 60 Vocabulary Reading Read Read Act I Scene IV and V. Where? On Lesson 45, you will be encouraged to give your essay to someone else to read in order to get feedback. (answer: Titania gave him the child.

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