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Master Your Modifiers

A modifier is a word or phrase that adds information to another part of a sentence. In most cases, a modifier should be placed next to the word or phrase it modifies. A misplaced modifier describes the wrong word and changes the meaning of the sentence.

EXAMPLE:

Wrong: *Matt walked the dog in a pair of sneakers.*

Explanation: This sentence is incorrect because it seems like the dog wore the sneakers.

Right: *Matt wore a pair of sneakers to walk the dog.*

Directions: Circle the misplaced modifiers, and rewrite each sentence correctly in the space provided. You may reorder the words in the sentence or choose different words.

1. Geoffrey found a mistake on a writing test, who usually reads instructions carefully.

2. Sculptors in France built a car, a castle, and a windmill with hard work and determination.

3. A seventh-grader became the writer to win the youngest professional journalism award.

4. Bandslam is a big musical competition in which teens compete to get a record deal in Lodi, New Jersey.
