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Master Modifiers

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A modifier adds more detail to a sentence, just be careful where you place it. If it isn't placed next to the word or phrase it modifies, the meaning of the entire sentence will change.

Example: Floating through the sky, the trick-or-treaters thought they saw a ghost.
This is a misplaced modifier because the trick-or-treaters did not float through the sky, the ghost did.

Correct: The trick-or-treaters thought they saw a ghost floating through the sky.

Directions: Each of the following sentences contains a misplaced modifier. Circle the misplaced modifier, then rewrite the sentence correctly in the space provided. You may need to add words.

1. Lurking in the shadows, Andrew saw a black cat.

2. The mummy stumbled out of the tomb once a pharaoh.

3. The jack-o'-lantern glowed in the darkness carved by Maria.

4. Causing lots of cavities, the dentist dislikes Halloween candy.

5. Zooming across the midnight sky, her hair whipped around her face.

6. Howling in the distance, Eddie heard a werewolf.

7. The haunted house made creaking and moaning sounds with dark, high gates.

8. Watching scary movies, the knock on the door made everyone jump.

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