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Master Your Modifiers!

A **modifier** is a word or phrase that adds information to another part of a sentence. It should always be placed next to the word or phrase it modifies. A misplaced modifier modifies the wrong word and changes the meaning of the sentence.

Example:

Incorrect: Sarah walked her dog wearing sneakers.

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

Correct: Sarah wore sneakers when walking her dog.

Directions: In the following sentences, circle the misplaced modifiers, then rewrite each sentence correctly in the space provided. You may reorder the sentence or choose different words.

1. Selena Gomez has been hanging with Kermit the Frog, a star of the Disney Channel's *Wizards of Waverly Place*.

2. F. Scott Fitzgerald is most famous for writing the classic novel *The Great Gatsby*, who died in 1940.

3. Jane Austen created one of the greatest heroines of all time, Elizabeth Bennett, who was a brilliant 19th-century novelist.

4. Michal Phelps won eight gold medals at the 2008 Olympic Games for swimming.
