



Grammar Midterm

Recognizing Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers

Directions: In the exercise that follows, you will need to determine whether or not sentences contain misplaced or dangling modifiers.

1. Emma Sue was delighted when Professor Nguyen returned her perfect calculus test with an ear-to-ear grin.

A. Yes! This sentence has a misplaced or dangling modifier!
B. No! This sentence is error free!

2. Scrubbing the tile grout with bleach and an old toothbrush, the mildew stains began to fade.

A. Yes! This sentence has a misplaced or dangling modifier!
B. No! This sentence is error free!

3. To finish by the 3 p.m. deadline, the computer keyboard sang with Sylvia's flying fingers.

A. Yes! This sentence has a misplaced or dangling modifier!
B. No! This sentence is error free!

4. Sheila watched Desmond stuff his mouth with a cupcake frosted with vanilla icing.

A. Yes! This sentence has a misplaced or dangling modifier!

B. No! This sentence is error free!

5. Perched on the curtain rod, the parakeet watched Rocky the cat slink behind the living room sofa.

A. Yes! This sentence has a misplaced or dangling modifier!

B. No! This sentence is error free!

Part two. Conjunctions and Interjections

Instructions: Find any conjunctions and interjections in the following sentences. Place them in the box.

1. Netta has a cheerful attitude while her husband is always gloomy.

2. Lydia is thoughtful and kind.

3. Dorian's math skills are good, although they are not as good as mine.

4. My handwriting is not worse than yours nor is it better.
5. Hilton went through drug rehab twice, but the second time seems to have worked.
6. Yikes! I am on time for class.
7. Bentley is—yippee!—going to summer camp.
8. When I saw his new car, I was jealous. Sweet!
9. Whoa, where are you going in that hat?
10. Pounding my thumb rather than the nail was a big mistake.
Ouch!