

MISPLACED AND DANGLING MODIFIER EXERCISES

DIRECTIONS: Indicate whether the sentences below contain correctly used modifiers by placing a C in the blank for correct or an I in the blank for incorrect.

- _____ 1. Without a seat my brother rode his bike.
- _____ 2. While driving by the lake, the baby got excited.
- _____ 3. Before swimming, the water should be tested.
- _____ 4. Ticks can transmit Lyme Disease, if not careful.
- _____ 5. After being bitten by a snake, the venom should be sucked out of the body.
- _____ 6. To avoid further delays, the check must be mailed today.
- _____ 7. Being made of crystal, Jan carefully lifted the vase from the shelf.
- _____ 8. Coming home late, the roads were less crowded.
- _____ 9. Being short of cash, a ride in a cab was out of the question.
- _____ 10. If walking home, a whistle should be carried to sound for help.
- _____ 11. Katie read the following ad: For sale. A bedroom bureau by a little old lady with secret drawers.
- _____ 12. I told the lab assistant the turtles would not survive in that tank not having been fed regularly.
- _____ 13. The computers, which were just installed, worked for only one week.
- _____ 14. Jamie finished reading the long novel who was becoming bored.
- _____ 15. Dave is over there in the Math Lab wearing a green sweater.

ANSWER KEY FOR MISPLACED AND DANGLING MODIFIER EXERCISES

1. I-implies that the brother was without a seat
2. I-implies that the baby was driving by the lake
3. I-has no word or words within the sentence to modify
4. I-doesn't indicate who should be careful
5. I-doesn't indicate who is bitten by the snake
6. I-doesn't indicate what delays need to be avoided or who needs to send the check
7. I-implies that Jan is made of crystal
8. I-doesn't indicate who is coming home late
9. I-doesn't indicate who was short of cash
10. I-doesn't indicate who was walking alone
11. I-doesn't say that the bureau has secret drawers
12. I-doesn't place the phrase "not having been fed regularly" close to "turtles"
13. C
14. I-doesn't say Jamie was bored
15. I-doesn't say Dave is wearing a green sweater

