

Editing and Proofreading

A **dangling modifier** is a type of misplaced modifier that modifies a word or phrase that is not clearly stated in a sentence.

Example: To learn French, a good dictionary is needed.

The sentence incorrectly suggests that a dictionary is learning French, which is not the case, so it should be corrected as follows:

To learn French, one needs a good dictionary. With the misplaced phrase "To learn French," placed at the beginning of the sentence, this sentence is now easy to understand.

PREVIEW

Identify the dangling modifier in each sentence, and correct it.

1) After reading

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2) While driving

3) To finish

4) While working

5) After completing

6) While studying

7) Leaving

8) While making dinner, the kitchen caught fire.

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