

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: After looking over the results, a conclusion was reached.

The sentence doesn't say who was looking over the result, so it must be corrected as follows:

After looking over the results, they reached a conclusion. With the misplaced "a" they placed in the correction, this sentence is now easy to understand.

PREVIEW

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

1) Upon entering the room,

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2) To catch the train,

3) Walking to the store,

4) Tired from the long day,

5) While cleaning the house,

6) After completing the project,

7) While hiking the trail,

8) Looking out the window, the sun began to set.

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