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

Example: Without looking both ways, the street was crossed.

In this sentence, "without looking both ways" is a dangling modifier that modifies the street.

With the modifier "without looking both ways" placed in the correct place, this sentence is now easy to understand.

PREVIEW

Identify whether the modifier in each sentence is correctly placed or dangling.
Rewrite the sentence if its modifier is dangling.

1) Exhausted

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2) Without knowing the password, the computer couldn't be accessed.

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3) While we were

4) Before leaving the office, the lights were turned off.

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5) Being an expert in the field, the problem was easily solved.