

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: Entering the room, the lights were brilliant.

In this sentence, "entering the room" is a dangling modifier. It appears to modify the lights, as if to say "The lights are entering the room."

Entering the room, the lights were brilliant.

With the modifier "entering the room" placed on the correct object, 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) Running _____

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2) Within minutes of landing in New York, Alex had fallen in love with the majestic beauty of the city. _____

3) While reading the book, the phone rang. _____

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4) Hoping to earn a promotion, the project was completed on time. _____

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5) Amazed by the superb game, Kevin instantly ordered a party pizza. _____
