

Editing and Proofreading

For the meaning of a sentence to be clear, it is important that its modifiers are in the right place. A modifier put in the wrong place is called a misplaced modifier.

Example: The child saw a butterfly with a yellow hat.

It seems the butterfly has a yellow hat and not the child, which is not the case. A better sentence would be correct as

The child saw a butterfly with a yellow hat.

PREVIEW

Underline the misplaced modifier in each sentence, and write it correctly.

- 1) Nick found a beautiful butterfly while he was shopping in the second floor of the new store.

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- 2) In 2001 when the country was struggling, a new president took charge of the country whose name was Barack Obama.

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- 3) Forming the National Disaster Preparedness Plan about trees and forests.

- 4) Since she started late, Jennie, replete with fun and frolic, missed the first 10 minutes of the movie.

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- 5) Merker was frustrated that he was going to be late to the meeting with his daughter's tutor, being a doting father.