Modifiers Worksheet

Professional Communications OER: Writing

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# Introduction

Rewrite the following sentences correctly by resolving the misplaced or dangling modifiers. In some cases, there is more than one way to rewrite the sentence, but a suggestion is provided for each in the answer key.

# Exercise

1. After reading the original police report, the suspect’s story remains unconvincing.
2. Without knowing the address, it was difficult to find Mary’s house.
3. Having finished dinner, the TV was turned on.
4. Covered in wildflowers, Sarah pondered the meadow’s beauty.
5. Changing the oil every 5,000 kilometres, the car was kept in top shape.
6. Hiking in the forest, the birds sang loudly.
7. She served cake to the children on paper plates.
8. Michael rode his bike to the beach, which was squeaky with rust.
9. Julie almost failed every exam she took.
10. My son took the newspapers to the recycling bin that were more than a week old.

Answer Key

1. After reading the original police report, I find the suspect’s story unconvincing.
2. I did not know Mary’s address, so it was difficult for me to find her house.
3. Having finished dinner, my brother turned on the TV.
4. Covered in wildflowers, the meadow struck Sarah with its beauty.
5. By changing the oil every 5,000 kilometres, we kept the car in top shape.
6. Hiking in the forest, Steve heard the birds singing loudly.
7. She served the children cake on paper plates.
8. Michael rode to the beach on his squeaky, rusted bike.
9. Julie failed almost every exam she took.
10. My son took all the newspapers that were more than a week old to the recycling bin.