

Language Handbook **5** Using Modifiers

WORKSHEET 7 **Avoiding Dangling Modifiers (Rule 5 h)**

Exercise A Some of the following sentences contain dangling modifiers. If a sentence has a dangling modifier, write *DM* on the line provided. If a sentence is already correct, write *C*.

EXAMPLES DM 1. Right after vacuuming the living room, the dog tracked mud all over the clean carpet.

C 2. To become a great athlete, one must build up excellent endurance.

- _____ 1. Looking through the binoculars, the falcon could be seen in more detail.
- _____ 2. To earn spending money, a job at the laundromat was suggested.
- _____ 3. To make this jalapeño corn bread, you will need a mixing bowl and a baking pan.
- _____ 4. Pointing the telescope at the moon, the crater Tycho appeared in the viewfinder.
- _____ 5. Now filled with sand, the pail was too heavy for the child to carry.
- _____ 6. Napping peacefully, the loud knock on the door was startling.
- _____ 7. After spending the whole day tending the garden, we had little energy left for cooking.
- _____ 8. Listening to her grandmother's stories, Annie learned that some of her Sioux ancestors had practiced the Ghost Dance religion.
- _____ 9. To learn to use a sewing machine, patience must be abundant.
- _____ 10. While mowing the lawn this morning, a rash developed on my legs.

Exercise B On the line provided, rewrite each of the following sentences to correct the dangling modifier.

EXAMPLE 1. To travel to Italy, a passport will be needed.
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- 1. Looking through the family album, my great uncle Otis was seen in many of the photographs.

- 2. Immediately after giving the dog a bath, the doorbell rang.

- 3. To relive a part of Chinese American history, Angel Island in California can be visited.

- 4. Sitting in the fifth row of the stadium, the action could be seen clearly.

- 5. After jogging barefoot on the beach, Jason's leg muscles were sore.

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