Language 5 Using Modifiers

WORKSHEET 8 Avoiding Misplaced Modifiers (Rule 5 i)

Exercise In each of the following sentences, underline the misplaced word, phrase, or clause. Then, draw an arrow to indicate where the misplaced modifier should be placed to make the sentence clear and correct.

EXAMPLES 1. The chan success conspect that I make sitting on.

2. His mother read the theme he had written after he had gone to sleep.

- 1. Many important musicians played in Earl Hines's band, such as Charlie Parker.
- 2. The lamp stands next to the sofa that I usually study by.
- 3. I salvaged a radio from the wrecked car that was in perfect condition.
- **4.** The mail carrier has to walk all morning without sitting down to rest in the slushy snow.
- **5.** American Indian religious leaders sing songs as they treat the sick called medicine men and medicine women.
- 6. I saw the note that Miss White Feather will send to Bill's parents accidentally.
- 7. The mayor announced that she plans to resign last week.
- **8.** Salim was given the part in the school play of the grandfather.
- **9.** The lake was surrounded by sand dunes in which we went swimming.
- 10. Grace couldn't say goodbye to her cousin who was leaving for Alaska because of her cold.
- 11. He sold a car to a used-car dealer that had a cracked cylinder head.
- **12.** Al went to the kitchen when Gloria phoned to say that she was bringing home a puppy to cook the dinner.
- 13. Andrea walked into the museum where the statue was on exhibit with her two brothers.
- **14.** The matzo ball soup had too much salt in it that was served at the Passover meal.
- **15.** These coins are very old and rare ones that you gave to me.
- **16.** Some dangerous chemistry supplies are lying in the corner that must be cleared away immediately.
- 17. We watched sailboat after sailboat go by sitting on the shore of the river that afternoon.
- 18. Gan and Eloise were each served a sandwich by the harried waitperson with mustard and onions.
- **19.** Rafael found a most unusual pet shop wandering around the streets of the old town.
- **20.** Elizabeth rearranged the flowers that the cat had knocked over very carefully.