

# Misplaced Modifiers

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A misplaced modifier is a modifier put in the wrong place in a sentence. The modifier should be placed right next to the word or phrase it describes or adds details to.

**Example:** Elsie nearly taught for two years.

The misplaced modifier in this sentence is “nearly”. The problem is we don’t nearly teach, so the sentence must be corrected as follows:

**Elsie taught for nearly two years.**

Underline the misplaced modifier in each sentence. Rewrite the sentence by placing the modifier correctly.

- 1) Claudia nearly watches TV for three hours every day.

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- 2) I returned the phone to the shop that didn’t work.

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- 3) Guy put the fish in the fryer that he had caught himself.

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- 4) The renovated Maria’s house is beautiful.

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- 5) Audrey only speaks French. Nobody else does.

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- 6) We served spaghetti to the children on huge plates.

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