

Misplaced Modifiers

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.

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

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

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

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

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