

Dangling and Misplaced Modifiers

All of the following contain modifiers—adjectives, adverbs, participial phrases or prepositional phrases—that are in the wrong place, modifying the wrong element. Rephrase the sentences to correct the misplaced modifiers.

1. Sensing her brother was about to pounce, he bent his knees, ready to jump at her.
2. He couldn't believe she was standing there after their conversation yesterday doing the dishes on the sidewalk.
3. At the age of seven, his father told him the truth.
4. Running from the scene, the horror clung to his mind.
5. "As mayor of Park City, people often ask me, '[I forget the rest of the sentence, but that was an actual commercial. Agh!]'"
6. "At 26 ounces, you'll find yourself drinking more." (Another actual commercial)
7. "One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas. (How he got into my pajamas I'll never know.)"
8. We tiptoed over the ice in our heavy boots, which had begun to crack.
9. "McCance was found shot to death by her family Monday afternoon at her southern Wake County home." (Actual news article.)
10. "Nearly six months after taking office, Gov. Beverly Perdue's political honeymoon is over." (Actual news article.)
11. "As a parent, the so-called "Halo killer" may have you nervously watching your kids as they jab at their joysticks." (Actual news article.)
12. "After grounding her grandson, Allen Gann, from playing games the night before for not doing his chores, he sat down and played a full day's worth, including Resident Evil, Smackdown vs. Raw and Midnight Club 2." (Same article as the previous.)