

### Misplaced Modifiers Exercises Answers

**The following are suggested answers; the sentences could be revised in a number of ways.**

1. The vehicle had a “slightly flat tire” and was parked on the front lawn of the Starr residence.
2. On the night of the raid, two police officers arrested Mr. James outside Three Rivers Stadium. They charged him with marijuana possession.
3. The court upheld summary judgment in favor of the employer because there was not enough evidence for a claim of false light invasion of privacy.
4. The no-duty rule should not apply to a patron struck by a ball batted by a player during the seventh inning stretch while the patron was seated in an open concourse.
5. Knowing that Jones feared snakes, the television show script writers included a scene that would force Jones to interact with serpents.
6. Flying over the barrier and into the stands, the foul ball struck the fan.
7. The producers of the reality television show should have anticipated that the contestant might break the contract when he was subjected to humiliation.
8. Enticed by the horses, the child reached the pasture despite barrier provided by the fence.
9. The incident deeply upset Barnett, and he has been seeing a psychologist for severe emotional distress.
10. Tom skidded barely 6 inches in the milk spill.
11. Anna often suggested that the children should play outside.

OR

Anna suggested that the children should play outside often.

12. A friend Barnett occasionally had lunch with suggested that Barnett compete on a reality show.

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13. Without knowing about the content planned for the television show segments, the prospective candidate could not give full consent to participate.

14. Tired from the long hike up the mountain, Bill fell asleep under a tree.

15. Sitting on the curb, the pedestrian was hit by a car.

OR:

The pedestrian sitting on the curb was hit by a car.

OR, to avoid passive voice:

A car hit the pedestrian who was sitting on the curb.

16. Frustrated by the argument with her employer, Mary stormed out of the office.

OR:

Mary, frustrated by the argument with her employer, stormed out of the office.

**Note, however, that it is better not to separate the subject from the verb.**

17. With leaking pipes and a broken air conditioner, the tenants rightfully withheld the month's rent on the property.

18. Jeff refused to purchase the property that was contaminated with oil from the spill.
19. Shareholders demanded the resignation of the company's president who was surrounded by allegations of mismanagement.
20. The Hatfields, having built and lived in a house on the property for over 20 years, claimed ownership of the property.
21. Injured by a foul ball, a spectator sued the baseball team.
22. Failing to pay a royalty for the performance of a song, the singer claimed fair use.
23. Claiming a neck injury, a jumper sued the bungee cord company.
24. By supplying a faulty shark cage for the "Great White Shark" dive, Adventure Outings breached its duty to the deceased.