

Explain the Error Answer Key

Explanations

1. Error: Dangling modifier. It makes it sound like the backpack was running instead of the person.
2. Error: Misplaced modifier. It suggests the customer was undercooked instead of the steak.
3. Error: Dangling modifier. It seems like the textbook wanted good grades. The subject (student) is missing.
4. Error: Misplaced modifier. It sounds like the child was covered in ketchup instead of the hot dog.
5. Error: Dangling modifier. It suggests the rain was walking. The actual subject (student) is missing.
6. Error: Misplaced modifier. "Nearly" is in the wrong place, making it sound like almost no one ate.
7. Error: Dangling modifier. It suggests the billboards were driving. The subject (driver) is missing.
8. **After finishing the exam, the pencil was dropped on the desk.** Error: Dangling modifier. It suggests the pencil finished the exam. The subject (student) is missing.
9. **Hanging on the wall, the teacher noticed a map of the world.**
 - Error: Misplaced modifier. It suggests the teacher was hanging on the wall instead of the map.
10. **Hoping to win the prize, the project was completed in a rush.**
 - Error: Dangling modifier. It suggests the project wanted to win the prize. The subject (student) is missing.

Teacher Notes

- **Misplaced modifier:** In the wrong position, so it attaches to the wrong word.
- **Dangling modifier:** Has no subject to attach to, leaving it "dangling."
- Strategy for students: Ask, "*Who or what is doing the action described in the modifier?*" If the answer is missing or doesn't match the sentence, it's an error.