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Merge With Modifiers Answer Key

Corrected Sentences (Sample Answers)

1. I saw a dog **barking loudly in the park**.
2. The girl, **carrying a backpack full of books**, was walking to school.
3. The man drove down the street, **listening to loud music**.
4. Maria baked cookies **covered in chocolate chips**.
5. The children played soccer, **running with excitement**.
6. We watched a movie **filmed in black and white**.
7. Jason studied late at night, **hoping to pass the exam**.
8. The teacher explained the lesson, **speaking with patience**.
9. A bird, **perched on the window sill**, sang beautifully.
10. I read a story **written by my favorite author**.

Teacher Notes

- This activity builds **sentence variety** while reinforcing correct **modifier placement**.
- Watch out for **dangling errors** (e.g., "*Hoping to pass the exam, the textbook was studied by Jason*" → incorrect, sounds like the textbook wanted to pass).
- Encourage students to **underline the modifier phrase** in their combined sentence to check that it clearly describes the right subject.
- Extension idea: Provide two extra sentences that could *easily* become dangling, and have students explain *why* their correction works.