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## Silly Sentence Slip-Ups

**Directions:** Each sentence below has a **misplaced or dangling modifier** that creates a funny or confusing meaning. Read carefully. **Underline** the modifier and explain the silly or mistaken meaning it creates. Then, explain what the sentence was probably *supposed* to mean.

1. Walking home from school, the backpack dragged on the ground.

Silly Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

2. She served sandwiches to the children on paper plates.

Silly Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Covered in sprinkles, the child ate the cupcake.

Silly Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

4. While studying late at night, the TV kept me awake.

Silly Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Nearly everyone ate the birthday cake.

Silly Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Hanging on the wall, the teacher admired the painting.

Silly Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_