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## Picking Spotless Sentences Answer Key

1. **D. While jogging through the park, I admired the beautiful flowers.**
  - Correct subject: *I* is the one jogging.
2. **C. To get a better grade, Maria carefully proofread her essay.**
  - Correct subject: *Maria* is the one improving her grade.
3. **B. The child ate the ice cream cone covered in sprinkles.**
  - Correct placement: *Covered in sprinkles* clearly modifies the cone, not the child.
4. **C. While reading the novel, Lucy stayed up until midnight.**
  - Correct subject: *Lucy* is the one reading.
5. **A. Nearly everyone ate the pizza at the party.**
  - Correct word order: *Nearly* modifies *everyone*, not the action.
6. **B. The waiter served the undercooked steak to the customer.**
  - Clear modifier: *Undercooked* describes the steak.

### Teacher Notes:

- Misplaced modifiers are usually **too far away from the word they describe**, while dangling modifiers **lack a clear subject** to attach to.
- Encourage students to always ask: *Who is doing the action?* or *What is being described?*
- Multiple-choice practice reinforces not only spotting the error but also recognizing the best correction.