

Hunt the Danglers Answer Key

Corrected Passage

Hurrying to finish breakfast, Marcus reached the stop just as the bus drove away. Running with his shoelaces untied, he felt his backpack bounce up and down. Marcus nearly dropped everything while trying to keep up. After waving his arms wildly, Marcus realized the driver ignored him and continued down the street. Covered in sweat, Marcus stood at the empty bus stop as he arrived late to school.

Error Breakdown

1. **"Hurrying to finish breakfast, the bus drove away..."**
 - *Dangling modifier*: It suggests the bus was hurrying, not Marcus.
 - **Fix**: Attach the action to *Marcus*.
2. **"Running with his shoelaces untied, the backpack bounced..."**
 - *Dangling modifier*: The backpack wasn't running.
 - **Fix**: Attach the action to *Marcus*.
3. **"Nearly Marcus dropped everything..."**
 - *Misplaced modifier*: "Nearly" is in the wrong spot, making the sentence awkward.
 - **Fix**: "Marcus nearly dropped everything..."
4. **"After waving his arms wildly, the driver ignored him..."**
 - *Dangling modifier*: It suggests the driver was waving arms.
 - **Fix**: Make *Marcus* the one waving arms.
5. **"Covered in sweat, the bus stop looked empty..."**
 - *Misplaced modifier*: The bus stop wasn't covered in sweat.
 - **Fix**: Attach "Covered in sweat" to *Marcus*.