

DANGLING MODIFIERS WORKSHEET #1

EXERCISE

Directions: One sentence of each pair contains a dangling modifier. Choose the correct sentence that does not contain a dangling modifier. Be prepared to defend your choice.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ 1. A. Having misunderstood the assignment, I received a low grade on my paper.  
B. Having misunderstood the assignment, my paper got a low grade.
- B\_\_\_\_\_ 2. A. Returning after a year out of the country, my cat did not even know me.  
B. When I returned after a year out of the country, my cat did not even know me.
- B\_\_\_\_\_ 3. A. Having marinated overnight, you may now cook the meat.  
B. Having marinated overnight, the meat is now ready to be cooked.
- A\_\_\_\_\_ 4. A. As the squirrel steadfastly replaced the lost acorns, I marveled at its determination and hard work.  
B. Steadfastly replacing the lost acorns, I marveled at the squirrel's determination and hard work.
- A\_\_\_\_\_ 5. A. When I was in high school, English was my favorite subject.  
B. When in high school, English was my favorite subject.
- A\_\_\_\_\_ 6. A. Because the spelunkers were covered with the mud from the cave, my mother would not let them come into the house.  
B. Covered with the mud from the cave, my mother would not let the spelunkers come into the house.
- A\_\_\_\_\_ 7. A. To avoid having your cake fall, you need to adjust the baking temperature for altitude.  
B. To avoid having your cake fall, the baking temperature should be adjusted for altitude.
- A\_\_\_\_\_ 8. A. Meeting my husband in California, I suggested I drive home with him.  
B. Meeting my husband in California, he suggested I drive home with

him.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ 9. A. To be sure we get the seats we want, we purchase our tickets a year in advance.
- B. To be sure we get the seats we want, our tickets are purchased a year in advance.
- A\_\_\_\_\_ 10. A. Seen from miles away, Mount Timpanogos looks impressive.
- B. Seen from miles away, we are impressed with Mount Timpanogos.
- B\_\_\_\_\_ 11. A. Having so many travel days next summer, it might be sensible not to teach.
- B. Having so many travel days next summer, we might just as well not teach.