

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.

- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 3. A. Having marinated overnight, you may now cook the meat.
- B. Having marinated overnight, the meat is now ready to be cooked.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 5. A. When I was in high school, English was my favorite subject.
- B. When in high school, English was my favorite subject.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.

- _____ 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.
- _____ 10. A. Seen from miles away, Mount Timpanogos looks impressive.
- B. Seen from miles away, we are impressed with Mount Timpanogos.
- _____ 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.