

MODIFIERS, PARALLELISM, AND COMPARISON WORKSHEET #3

EXERCISE

Circle the letter that corresponds to the correct sentence.

Misplaced Modifiers

1. A. He wrote an account of his journey up the Amazon in a diary.
B. He wrote in a diary an account of his journey up the Amazon.
2. A. We met your fiancée as well as her father, who appeared radiantly happy.
B. As well as her father, we met your fiancée, who appeared radiantly happy.
3. A. As a child I read nearly all the Little House books.
B. As a child I nearly read all the Little House books.
4. A. We just have ten minutes to catch our train.
B. We have just ten minutes to catch our train.
5. A. One makes a mistake to ever argue with one's barber.
B. One makes a mistake to argue ever with one's barber.

Parallelism

6. A. Margaret Thatcher is a woman with great charm and ready wit.
B. Margaret Thatcher is a woman who has great charm and with a ready wit.
7. A. Apparently Roger's efforts were more harmful than helpful.
B. Apparently Roger's efforts were more a harm than they were helpful.
8. A. We watched robins building a nest, sparrows hopping on the ground, and kingbirds sitting on the telephone lines.
B. We watched robins building a nest, sparrows hopping on the ground, and kingbirds that were sitting on the telephone lines.
9. A. Getting good grades, making new friends, participating in athletics, and also to prepare for a career are my goals in college.
B. Getting good grades, making new friends, participating in athletics, and also preparing for a career are my goals in college.

10. A. Joseph wanted to leave the reception early not only because he was tired but out of boredom.
- B. Joseph wanted to leave the reception early not only because he was tired but because he was bored.

Comparisons

11. A. I can truthfully say that my oldest sister, Naomi, talks more and says less than any member of our family.
- B. I can truthfully say that my oldest sister, Naomi, talks more and says less than any other member of our family.
12. A. George is one of the best students, if not the best student, in our class.
- B. George is one of the best, if not the best student in our class.
13. A. The Roberts have a house that is as large, if not larger than the Smiths' house.
- B. The Roberts have a house that is as large as, if not larger than, the Smiths' house.
14. A. Pollution in Los Angeles is certainly taking a terrible toll.
- B. Pollution in Los Angeles is certainly taking a more terrible toll.
15. A. The tiger is said to be more powerful than, all other animals.
- B. The tiger is said to be more powerful than all the animals.

EXERCISE

Mark the following sentences (C) Correct or (F) Faulty.

16. That commercial was neither accurate nor was it amusing. _____
17. When Father slipped on the icy sidewalk, he must have lost the pen which gave him for Christmas. _____
18. To enjoy bicycling in a crowded city, trails designated for cyclists are necessary. _____
19. Generally speaking, knowledge of a second language can be advantageous. _____
20. Litter is more of a problem in large cities. _____
21. She was able to finish the Gothic novel during her lunch hour, which was set in Ireland.
