Misplaced Modifiers

1. a. The cat attacked the slimy rat pouncing quickly.

b. Pouncing quickly, the cat attacked the slimy rat.

2. a. I took a picture of a blue jay using high speed film.

b. Using high speed film, I took a picture of a blue jay.

3. a. We ran to the door laughing loudly.

b. Laughing loudly, we ran to the door.

4. a. I rearranged the tulips in the crystal vase.

b. In the crystal vase, I rearranged the tulips.

5. a. The keys that she found under the hedge belonged to her brother.

b. The keys that she found belonged to her brother under the hedge.

6. a. The children headed to the lake carrying towels.

b. Carrying towels, the children headed to the lake.

7. a. We missed the beginning of the movie caught in traffic.

b. Caught in traffic, we missed the beginning of the movie.

8. a. The dog looked at the broken dish wagging its tail.

b. Wagging its tail, the dog looked at the broken dish.

9. a. The cow chased the little girl dressed in polka dots.

b. Dressed in polka dots, the cow chased the little girl.

10. a. I thought the dinner table decorated with flowers was lovely.

b. Decorated with flowers, I thought the dinner table was lovely.

Dangling Modifiers

1. a. Slipping on the ice, my wrist was sprained.

b. When I slipped on the ice, my wrist was sprained.

2. a. Traveling on Sundays, I rarely need to fill my gas tank.

b. Traveling on Sundays, the gas tank rarely needs to be filled.

3. a. Celebrating the Fourth of July, there were spectacular fireworks.

b. Celebrating the Fourth of July, my family shot off spectacular fireworks.

4. a. While smiling happily, Kyle threw the ball to Felicia.

b. While smiling happily, the ball was thrown to Felicia.

5. a. Enjoying the play, we laughed and cried at the characters.

b. Enjoying the play, the characters made us laugh and cry.

6. a. Sitting on the porch last night, the fireworks display was impressive.

b. Sitting on the porch last night, I thought the fireworks display was impressive.

7. a. After reading the paper, the telephone rang.

b. After I read the paper, the telephone rang.

8. a. Running on the court, my ankle got twisted.

b. Running on the court, I twisted my ankle.