

## Misplaced Modifiers

Modifiers are just what they sound like – words or phrases that modify something else. Misplaced modifiers are modifiers that modify something you don't intend them to modify. For example, the word *only* is a modifier that's easy to misplace. These two sentences mean different things:

**Squiggly ate only chocolate.**

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The first sentence (Squiggly ate only chocolate) means that Squiggly ate nothing but chocolate – no fruit, no meat, just chocolate.

The second sentence (Squiggly only ate chocolate) means that all Squiggly did with the chocolate was eat it. He didn't buy, melt, or sell it. He only ate it.

Each of the following sentences contains a misplaced modifier. Underline the misplaced modifier and then rewrite the sentence using the modifier correctly.

Covered in wildflowers, Aardvark pondered the hillside's beauty.

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One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas.

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Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope.

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