

## DANGLING MODIFIERS

- All Dangling, dangling, dangling!  
1 What's dangling?  
2 Modifiers!  
All Modifiers?  
3 What's a modifier?  
4 A word  
5 A phrase  
6 A clause that gives additional information  
All So what's a dangling modifier?  
7 It's a modifier consisting of a phrase or clause that may be momentarily confusing to a reader if it appears to modify a word that it cannot sensibly modify.  
All Say what?  
8 That's too confusing!  
9 Just like dangling modifiers.  
10 How about an example?  
7 Okay. "We noticed several bulletin boards walking through the hallway."  
11 Bulletin boards walking through the hallways?  
All Dangling, dangling, dangling!  
6 Hanging in the closet, he found the jacket.  
12 Why was he hanging in the closet?  
All Dangling, dangling, dangling!  
5 Sitting in the back row of the theater, the actors could hardly be heard.  
13 I thought the actors were supposed to be on stage!  
All Dangling, dangling, dangling!  
14 So how do we stamp out dangling?  
4 One way is to rearrange the words.  
7 Walking through the hallways, we noticed several bulletin boards.  
6 He found the jacket hanging in the closet.  
2 Another way is to add words: Sitting in the back row of the theater...  
All ...we could hardly hear the actors!  
4 Right!  
15 After years of dangling, we will correct our modifiers!  
All No!  
16 You just did it again!  
15 What?  
All Dangling, dangling, dangling!  
15 So I should have said....?  
All After years of using dangling modifiers, we will correct our writing.  
15 Don't be caught with your modifiers dangling!  
All Ooooooh!