

Language Application #33

Lesson Focus

Our language application task is to eliminate **dangling modifiers**. A **dangling modifier** is a description that does not have a clear connection with the word it modifies. A dangling modifier usually includes a present participle “__ing” ending or an infinitive “to-base form” verb.

To eliminate a dangling modifier, place the “do-er” of the sentence as the subject of the independent clause or combine the phrase and independent clause.

Example

Tossed high into the sky, the dog caught the Frisbee.

This sentence can be better revised as...

The dog caught the Frisbee, which had been tossed high into the sky.

Revise this sentence to eliminate the dangling modifier:

When retired, the children will be watched every day by their grandfather.

Language Application Revision

When retired, their grandfather will watch the children every day.