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First Cumulative Review



For each sentence, determine whether it is grammatically correct. If it is grammatically incorrect, identify the type of error:

Verb - V

Subject Verb Agreement - A

Pronoun - P

Fragment - F

(V, A, P, F)

1. After the damages to your car from the crash were assessed, your insurance pays the bills.
2. If only I could tell the difference between an alligator and a crocodile.
3. If two years ago the College Boards had not modified the SAT to make it more to the liking of juniors and seniors in high school, then more students will have signed up for the ACT, which more and more students found easier to take.
4. Between you and me, I heard John say, "My brother tried to sell me illicit substances, but I wouldn't buy any of them."
5. The promotion I received last week was long overdue; I worked for this company for fifteen years.
6. Every one of the doctors who have prescribed our medication raves about its benefits.
7. Whether to help my brother pay off his student loans or save money for retirement.
8. To become a great swimmer, I decided to just go ahead and try it.
9. Walking through the jungle, I saw a snake that nearly frightened me to death.
10. My family came to this retreat every year for ten years.
11. After a great performance from Robert de Niro in *Taxi Driver*, the actor who later made a name for himself in classic movies such as *The Heat*, *The Godfather*, and *Goodfellas*.
12. Each of the students is responsible for bringing in their own lunch.

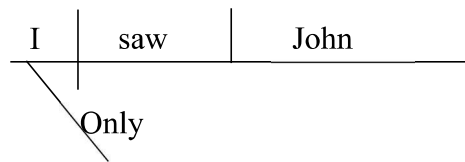
Misplaced Modifiers



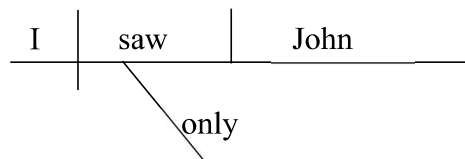
The Mad Hatter will be serving tea to Alice in a cup.

Consider in the example below, what happens when we move the modifier *only*.

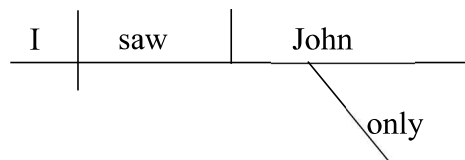
Example: Only I saw John. (Only modifies I. No one else saw John)



I only saw John. (Only modifies saw. I didn't do anything else with or to John)



I saw only John. (Only modifies John. I didn't see anyone else)



Modifiers should be near what they describe. Otherwise, the modifiers will describe something else. **Misplaced modifiers** can be in the form of adjectives, adverbs, phrases, or clauses. Recall that a phrase is a group of connected words that does not contain both a subject and a verb and a clause is a group of words containing the combination of a subject and a verb.



Parallel Structure Exercises

For each sentence, determine whether it is parallel. If the sentence is not parallel, make the necessary corrections.



1. Eating healthful foods and training multiple hours a day with proper coaching made the athlete into a superstar.
2. My brother visiting France, able to speak French and with enough money to do whatever he wanted, felt right at home.
3. Adolf Hitler was very dangerous because he had the ability to lead others and of convincing them to do terrible things.
4. The man sang ever so beautifully and with passion.
5. Preparing as best as he could, the tennis player's training regimen included running ten miles per day, watching the best tennis players in the world, and a good luck charm.
6. In order to stay under the family budget, my mother not only is cutting down on her trips to the salon, but she is also buying cheaper foods.
7. Understanding American history, farming, and being an experienced drawer, John was the perfect artist to paint American farms from the 19th century.
8. The new manager proved herself to be not only strategic and efficient, but also a woman capable of befriending anyone.
9. The woman is believed to be a witch because she stays up late, is very traditional, and her daughter isn't loved by her.
10. The chemical can be used for laundry detergent, dish detergent, and as a shoe polisher.
11. The fewer people that are infected with the disease, there are fewer people that can transmit it to others.
12. Humans are innately capable of learning new languages and how to walk.
13. The teacher told the students to study hard, do their homework, and that they should expect a quiz after the school break.
14. I am not only afraid of the dark but also of spiders.
15. I went to the school dance hoping to find a dance partner, but with fear of asking someone to dance.

Third Cumulative Review

For each sentence, determine whether it is grammatically correct. If it is grammatically incorrect, identify the type of error:



Verb - V Subject Verb Agreement - A Pronoun - P
Fragment - F Misplaced Modifier - M Lack of Parallel Structure - L
Punctuation - C Run-On Sentence - R Diction - D Wordiness - W
(V, A, P, F, M, L, C, R, D, W)

*Improper comparisons are part of Lack of Parallel Structure

*The punctuation of the restrictive and nonrestrictive element is part of Punctuation

1. The school committee accepted the school principal's draconian decision to cut the school budget in half; however, he later relented his recommendation and asked the committee to revert to the original budget.
2. The deadline for signing up for the SAT is one month prior to the date. In the event of a missed deadline, a student might be able to take the test at a test center other than that of his local high school; a center that is seventy miles away that happens to have a seat available.
3. Shakespeare's play *Macbeth* is the tragic and lurid tale of a great warrior who invites the King of Scotland to his castle home, where at night, together with his wife, Lady Macbeth, murders in cold blood the sleeping Duncan, who has no inkling that he is the guest of a host bent on murder.
4. Years ago the Patriots had a coach who was well known for his rigidity in insisting that players continue to perform in the game irregardless of their injuries.