

## The Correct Modifier

Read these sentences. Notice the underlined words. Why are they wrong?

Quick run to the house for a Band-aid.

A full moon shone bright through my window.

A *Tree for Peter* is a real interesting book.

Adjectives modify only nouns and pronouns. They never modify verbs or other adjectives. In each of the three example sentences above, an adjective is incorrectly used to modify a verb or adjective.

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Here are some adjectives and adverbs that are often used incorrectly.

### Adjective

quick

sure

real

bright

bad

good

### Adverb

quickly

surely

really

brightly

badly

well (*an adjective when it describes health*)

Sister Sue is a **real, really** good book. (*An adverb is needed to modify the adjective good.*)

Sister Sue is a **really** good book.

It **sure, surely** is hot outside today. (*An adverb is needed to modify the verb is.*)

It **surely** is hot outside today.

Remember: Adjectives never modify verbs; adverbs never modify nouns.



**Write adj or adv.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Duke is a good watchdog.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am sure I heard a bear digging through the trash last night.
- \_\_\_\_\_ It was really late when Dad finished baling straw.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Surely you have a spare tire for the car!
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The sun was so bright that I couldn't see the ball.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Tom's team quickly found the clues for the treasure.



**Circle the correct word. Draw an arrow to the word it modifies.**

7. Your cough sounds **bad, badly**.
8. A beacon beams **bright, brightly** across the harbor.
9. Mom is taking a nap because she wasn't feeling **good, well**.
10. Those clouds are **sure, surely** pretty today.
11. You did **good, well** on your report about India.
12. We are **real, really** happy to have you here.



**Rewrite the sentence correctly.**

13. "That's a real pretty picture you're drawing," admired Susie.

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## *We Remember*



**Write a sentence using the correlative conjunction.** Remember to use the same part of speech after each part of the conjunction.

- 14. either-or \_\_\_\_\_
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**Underline the correct verb.**

15. Either Mom or one of her sisters **stay, stays** with Great-grandma at night.
16. Neither Rachel nor Susan **enjoy, enjoys** sewing.



**Draw a vertical line between the complete subject and complete predicate. Underline the simple subject once and the verb twice.**

17. The fourth graders silently stood and watched the artist.



**Circle the demonstrative pronouns.**

18. which            that            these            whose            this            those

Lesson 2



**Diagram the sentence.**

19. May we play outdoors until dark?

20. The running horse galloped along the ridge.



**Name the six verbs that can be either linking or action.**

21. \_\_\_\_\_



**Underline the linking verbs. Label the *predicate nominatives* (pn) and *predicate adjectives* (pa).**

22. The tangerines looked good, but they tasted sour.

23. Because of their great distance from the earth, the stars appear much smaller than they really are.

24. Erik is the smartest student in my class.



**Circle the letters that should be capitalized.**

25. Many canadians speak not only english but also french.

26. Doug declared, "If you think *your* math is hard, you should try my algebra III!"



**Underline the participles. Draw an arrow from each to the word it modifies.**

27. Running water does not freeze as fast as standing water.

28. Glass from the broken dish lay on the kitchen floor.

29. Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn searched for buried treasure.

## Penmanship

For penmanship in this LightUnit, you will copy interesting facts about Presidents of the United States.



**Use your best handwriting.**

30. Six Presidents have had the first name of James: Madison, Monroe, Polk, Buchanan, Garfield, and Carter.

## Spelling . . . the usage

 Write spelling words to complete the sentences.

old-fashioned      mind-boggling      color-blind      up-to-date

31. A \_\_\_\_\_ amount of money was needed for the clean-up efforts at the World Trade Center.
32. Although some animals can tell colors apart, most are \_\_\_\_\_.
33. Before we leave on our trip to Alaska, we need to buy an \_\_\_\_\_ atlas.
34. Granddad said, "I am \_\_\_\_\_; I believe men should open doors for ladies."

accident-prone      panic-stricken      hard-boiled      well-to-do

35. Many people like to pickle \_\_\_\_\_ eggs in red beet juice.
36. Joseph muttered, "That boy is so \_\_\_\_\_. Do I trust him to use the weed-eater?"
37. As the car began to skid on the icy road, Joyce was \_\_\_\_\_.
38. Most of us would be considered \_\_\_\_\_ in many impoverished countries.

life-size      far-reaching      middle-aged      custom-made

39. Uncle Bill is the teacher for the class of \_\_\_\_\_ men.
40. On Thursday Mr. Brandt hung our \_\_\_\_\_ window blinds.
41. Ivan demonstrated Goliath's height with a \_\_\_\_\_ cardboard cutout.
42. \_\_\_\_\_ developments have been made in transportation, communications, and technology.

dog-eared      bad-tempered      mail-order      pitch-dark

43. Dad's Bible had many verses underlined, and its pages are \_\_\_\_\_.
44. Some people like a nightlight, but I sleep best when it's \_\_\_\_\_.
45. Next week Dad will take that \_\_\_\_\_ mare to the sale barn.
46. Montgomery Wards was the first \_\_\_\_\_ business.

good-natured      able-bodied      eye-catching      top-heavy

47. Since it warmed up, Caleb's snowman in the backyard is \_\_\_\_\_.
48. Have you seen the \_\_\_\_\_ billboard advertisement for that restaurant?

49. "We need \_\_\_\_\_ men to shingle the church house on Saturday," announced Brother Steven.
50. Marcus didn't get angry when the other boys teased him about his different accent; he just gave them his usual \_\_\_\_\_ grin.

## Lesson 3

### Direct Objects

#### Vocabulary

**direct object** - a noun or pronoun that follows an action verb and receives the action from the verb. It answers the questions *whom* or *what*.



**Memorize this definition and say it to your teacher.**

Some sentences are complete with only a subject and verb.

Neil ran.

Other sentences need more words to complete the meaning of the subject and verb. A *complement* is a word that completes the sentence. You have already studied two complements—the predicate nominative and the predicate adjective.

Another complement is the **direct object**. A direct object is a noun or pronoun that follows an action verb and receives the action from the verb. It answers the questions *whom* or *what*.

Emma sews (dresses) for the girls at the orphanage. *Sews what? Dresses.*

Dad took (Greg) to the doctor. *Took whom? Greg.*

A sentence may have more than one direct object. A direct object will never be in a prepositional phrase.

Nathaniel bought a (basketball) and ice (skates) at a yard sale.

Mom scolded (Charles) for he had not made his (bed)



**Answer the questions.**

1. What is a direct object? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What questions do direct objects answer? \_\_\_\_\_



**Underline the verbs twice and the subjects once. Circle the direct objects.** Watch out for sentences that have more than one direct object.

3. Lorraine read her new book on the long trip.
4. For breakfast Mom made bacon, eggs, and toast.
5. Daniel and Aaron built the gazebo in our back yard.
6. Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart, mind, and soul.
7. Daddy recently bought a used tractor.
8. Grandmother thanked us for the good dinner.
9. Zaccheus climbed the sycamore tree so he could see Jesus.

Some sentences do not have direct objects.

We laughed at the look on Joseph's face.

Follow these steps to decide if a sentence has a direct object.

- Say the subject and verb together and ask *whom* or *what*.
- If there is a word that you think is the direct object, say the subject, verb, and that word together. Do they make sense?



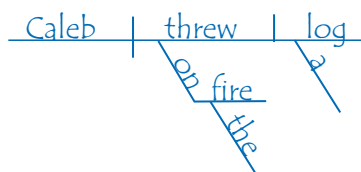
**Write *do* if the sentence has a direct object. Write *no* if it does not. Circle the direct objects.**

10. \_\_\_\_\_ Nathan smashed his thumb with the hammer.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ The clock ticked loudly in the empty room.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus taught many things while He was on the earth.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ A large world map hung on the classroom wall.

## Diagramming Direct Objects

Diagram direct objects on the straight line after the action verb with a short vertical line between.

Caleb threw a log on the fire.



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Elaine stirred pecans and marshmallows into the frosting.

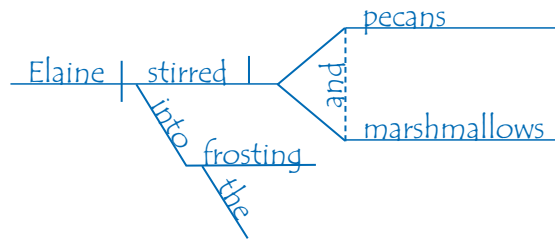


Diagram the sentences.

14. Wayne emptied the wastebasket.

15. Miss Linda thanked Franz and Heidi for the flowers.

16. The lady in the pink dress is selling homemade doughnuts.

*We Remember*



Circle the correct verb.

17. The windows in my bedroom **wasn't**, **weren't** shut when it began to rain.

18. Either Carol or Lynn **is**, **are** taking my place.

19. Neither Jason nor his brothers **like**, **likes** to play ball.



**Diagram the sentences.**

20. That noise sounds like running water.
21. The sun came out, and the world was suddenly radiant.



**Circle the interrogative pronouns.**

22. that            which            whose            these            what            this



**Underline the adverbs. Draw an arrow from each to the word it modifies.**

23. Sherwin's sprained wrist hurt very badly.
24. A slightly crooked smile swiftly crossed Dad's face.



**Underline the correct word.**

25. I **sure, surely** will meet you in thirty minutes.
26. Uncle James and **us, we** boys will go ice fishing next Saturday.
27. Jessica helped her little sister put the toys back **in, into** the toy box.
28. Please come here **quick, quickly**.
29. What else **beside, besides** milk and eggs do you need from the store?



**Underline the participles. Draw an arrow from each to the word it modifies.**

30. A badly injured man was pulled out of the burning truck.
31. I found my lost book when I cleaned my room.



**Write verb or participle.**

32. \_\_\_\_\_ That big dog was growling low in his throat.
33. \_\_\_\_\_ I never stop to argue with a growling dog.

## Penmanship



Copy the sentence, using your best handwriting.

- 34. Theodore Roosevelt had pillow fights with his children.

## Spelling . . . the pattern



Combine a word from the first column with a word from the second. Write the spelling words in alphabetical order.

able	35.	_____	made
custom	36.	_____	prone
bad	37.	_____	blind
accident	38.	_____	bodied
color	39.	_____	tempered
far	40.	_____	reaching
dog	41.	_____	size
hard	42.	_____	catching
eye	43.	_____	boiled
life	44.	_____	eared
mail	45.	_____	natured
old	46.	_____	order
middle	47.	_____	boggling
good	48.	_____	fashioned
mind	49.	_____	aged
up	50.	_____	dark
panic	51.	_____	to-do
top	52.	_____	to-date
pitch	53.	_____	heavy
well	54.	_____	stricken