The Misplaced/ Dangling Modifier is lonely...

Help Him Find His Home!

Just like a baby whale with his mother, a modifier is happiest when it’s next to the noun it’s describing.

For example:

Happily, the baby whale swam with his pod.

‘Happily’ describes ‘baby whale’ and it’s happily in its proper place!

Once he was lost, the pod searched frantically for the baby.

The pod isn’t lost, so the modifier should be near ‘baby’.

The pod searched frantically for the baby once he was lost.

Circling the sky, the little girl’s pretzel was stolen by the seagull.

Little girls can’t fly!

Neither can pretzels!

Who circled the sky?

Gasping in awe, the pod found their lost baby as the crowds on the beach watched.

The whales were happy, but they blow, not gasp!

Who gasped in awe?

Floating away, the sand was swept clean of toys as the baby whale splashed.

Sand doesn’t float!

What was swept away?

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