

## Exercise 8: Misplaced Modifiers

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**The position of modifiers in a sentence changes the meaning of the sentence. Consider the groups of sentences below and explain how the placement of the modifiers changes the meaning of each.**

1. What are the differences between the following sentences?
  - a. Just the manager approved the proposal this morning.
  - b. The manager just approved the proposal this morning.
  - c. The manager approved just the proposal this morning.
  - d. The manager approved the proposal just this morning.
2. What are the differences between the following sentences?
  - a. Our department has almost completed all of the investigation.
  - b. Our department has completed almost all of the investigation.
3. What are the differences between the following sentences?
  - a. Nearly everyone is ready for the quality control survey.
  - b. Everyone is nearly ready for the quality control survey.

**Revise the following sentences to correct misplaced modifiers.**

4. I ordered drills from the manufacturer with carbide tips.
5. The pilot sighted the missing fishing boat using a sonar scanner.
6. The personnel department recommended a candidate from a competitor who was already skilled in using CNC machines.
7. The buyer ordered a part from the distributor guaranteed for five years.
8. WANTED: Industrial site for precision manufacturing company with chemical drains and 220V.
9. The decision will only be made after all data are compiled.
10. The supervisor placed the damaged manual in the drawer of his desk with missing pages.