7th Grade Daily Oral Language Practice

PARALLEL STRUCTURE AND MISPLACED OR DANGLING MODIFIERS

Name _____ Date _____

Directions: Each sentence has an error in parallel structure or modifier placement, plus capitalization and punctuation. Rewrite the whole sentence correctly on the lines below it. Some can be fixed more than one way.

1. the museum tour included visiting the dinosaur hall, climbing the observation tower, and guests could touch a real meteorite

2. the new coach is not only patient but also knows a lot about the game

3. i would rather walk to school than riding the crowded bus

4. you can either finish the essay tonight or you can turn it in on friday

5. the science fair judges look for creativity, clear explanations, and if the project is well organized

6. running through the sprinklers, the backyard echoed with laughter from the kids

7. ella only ate half of her sandwich at lunch

8. we saw a deer driving home from the soccer game

9. after chewing through the whole shoe, mom found the puppy hiding under the porch

10. grandma brought the cake to the table covered in sprinkles

Answer Key

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1. The museum tour included visiting the dinosaur hall, climbing the observation tower, and touching a real meteorite.
2. The new coach is not only patient but also knowledgeable about the game.
   Also correct: The new coach not only is patient but also knows a lot about the game.
3. I would rather walk to school than ride the crowded bus.
4. You can either finish the essay tonight or turn it in on Friday.
   Also correct: Either you can finish the essay tonight, or you can turn it in on Friday.
5. The science fair judges look for creativity, clear explanations, and good organization.
   Also correct: The science fair judges look for creativity, clear explanations, and a well-organized project.
6. Running through the sprinklers, the kids filled the backyard with laughter.
   Also correct: As the kids ran through the sprinklers, the backyard echoed with their laughter.
7. Ella ate only half of her sandwich at lunch.
8. Driving home from the soccer game, we saw a deer.
   Also correct: While we were driving home from the soccer game, we saw a deer.
9. After the puppy chewed through the whole shoe, Mom found him hiding under the porch.
   Also correct: After chewing through the whole shoe, the puppy hid under the porch until Mom found him.
10. Grandma brought the cake covered in sprinkles to the table.
    Also correct: Grandma brought the sprinkle-covered cake to the table.