

Avoiding Dangling Modifiers

Decide whether the underlined verbal phrase in each sentence is written correctly or whether it is a dangling modifier. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. When shooting a basketball, the rim is much wider than you might think.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
2. Forged together in the rear, the rim is actually one piece of metal.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
3. When preparing to release the ball, you should focus your eyes on the back of the rim.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
4. Sailing through the air, you will see how the ball slips through the circular rim.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
5. Before shooting the ball, you must consider several other things.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
6. Keeping the elbow close to the body, the ball will be easier to control.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
7. After releasing the ball, you must remember to follow through with your shot.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
8. Having practiced shooting for twenty years, these steps can be explained by Coach Martin.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
9. Because some are better than others, Coach Martin will find you the perfect ball.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
10. Challenged daily by her coaches, Coach Martin found the motivation to work hard.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
11. After answering your questions, practice shooting on your own for a while.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
12. Available after practice, coaches can work with you one-on-one.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
13. Desiring to become a better player, after-practice sessions can improve your skills.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
14. By remembering these simple tips, you can become a better shooter.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
15. After completing homework at night, you might also watch basketball on television.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
16. After watching more advanced players, you might find your own play improve.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
17. Identifying weak spots, practice can focus around improving certain skills.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
18. While struggling through difficult practices, you must remember to find fun in the sport.
A correct **B** dangling modifier
19. Understanding that mistakes are a part of learning, fun can be found in every game and practice!
A correct **B** dangling modifier
20. Becoming better year after year, an exciting future in basketball awaits you!
A correct **B** dangling modifier