

DANGLING MODIFIERS

NOUN PHRASES

APO2

LESSON 8



DANGLING MODIFIERS

- modifier = describes or qualifies another part of a sentence (A **small** girl played the piano.)
- dangling modifier = error
- often an introductory phrase (participle)
- the doer of the action expressed in the participle is not clearly stated
- the intended subject of the modifier is missing from the sentence, and instead another subject appears in its place



CORRECTION

- introduce a subject
- convert the sentence to the passive voice
- use a participial phrase



NOUN PHRASES

- group of words without a finite verb, built up around a single headword (= noun)
the mechanisms of salt marsh succession;
interactions involving carbohydrates;
the seasonal and inter-annual patterns of soil water storage and utilization.
- can be made up of several smaller noun phrases, often joined together with prepositions
- special case: noun-noun phrases

availability of resources → resource availability

food for dogs → dog food

- possessive form with an apostrophe is rare in science writing

