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Misplaced Modifiers

Directions: In each of the following sentences a misplaced word, phrase, or clause is *italicized*. **Draw an arrow** to indicate where the misplaced modifier should be placed to make the sentence clear and correct.

Example: The chair suddenly collapsed *that Phil was sitting on*.

Fixed: The chair *that Phil was sitting on* suddenly collapsed.

1. I salvaged a radio from the wrecked car *that was in perfect condition*.
2. Salim was given the part in the school play *of the grandmother*.
3. The lake was surrounded by sand dunes *in which we went swimming*.
4. He sold a car to a used-car dealer *that had a cracked window*.
5. Elizabeth rearranged the flowers that the cat had knocked over *very carefully*.

Part II

Directions: Now you must **FIRST underline** the misplaced modifier. Then **draw an arrow** to indicate where the misplaced modifier should be placed in the sentence.

6. Geoffrey found an unusual pet shop walking around the streets of the old town.
7. We watched sailboat after sailboat go by sitting on the shore of the river.
8. These coins are very old and rare ones that you gave to me.
9. The lamp stands next to the sofa that I usually study by.
10. The mayor announced that she plans to resign last week.