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Misplaced Modifiers

53. Circle the modifier that is out of place. Draw an arrow to show where the modifier belongs and add a comma if needed. The first is done for you.

→ **Gallagher controlled the wild horse**
flexing his strong biceps,

Note: rewriting the sentence would create an introductory phrase, which should be followed by a comma:

Flexing his strong biceps, Gallagher controlled the wild horse.

- a. **He went to the talent show for cats needing a haircut.**
 - b. **I walked the dog with my glasses on around the junkyard.**
 - c. **Mortimer was standing by the tree in the leather boots.**
54. The picture shows the wrong meaning. Circle *under my palm*. Use an arrow to show where it goes so that it modifies *look*. (You may draw a picture to illustrate the correct meaning.)

Under my palm, he can look and see that there are no marbles.



RULE: A modifier can be one or more words. Place it next to the word(s) it modifies. (An adjective modifies a noun; an adverb modifies a verb, adjective, or adverb.) Correct: *He listened silently as the lion roared*—adverb *silently* modifies *listened*. (NOT: *He listened as the lion roared silently*.)