**Pedagogical support 1**

**Task one:** name **the type** of error **in modifiers** in each sentence and **correct** it

1. The cowboy was thrown by the bull in a leather vest.

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1. While speaking to the police officer, the phone rang.

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1. A fish was found in the Pacific Ocean that had been considered extinct.

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1. While biking around town, many dogs barked at me.

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1. Left alone in the house, the thunderstorm terrified the two small children.

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1. Saddened by the news, my mother had to comfort me.

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**Task two:** improve the following paragraph for choppy writing

The baby woke. He was quiet. Then he cried. His mother got him. She fed him. He stopped crying. His mother dressed him. They went outside.

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**More practice**

**Underline the modifier in each sentence and tell whether it is used correctly (C) or incorrectly (I).**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Crossing the finish line, the runner collapsed.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. After studying for four hours, the test was easy.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. The car was pulled over by the police with a missing license plate.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Although frightened by the storm, my dog crept out from under the

bed.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. The dog crossed the road with a limp.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Exhausted by a day in the park, the toddler fell asleep.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Unraveling the loose thread, my dress came apart.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. To avoid a ticket, do not speed.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. I said on Saturday I will go fishing.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. The backpack was left on the table that was stained with dirt.

**Task two.** Alone or with a partner, edit the following passage for modifier errors. Circle misplaced modifiers and draw a line to the place they should go, and rewrite the sentences with dangling modifiers.

**Bargain Hunting**

Bargain hunting can be an adventure for children’s clothes. There are great buys at garage sales on children’s clothes. Marie found a wonderful party dress for her daughter in pink chiffon. However, carrying the dress to pay for it, her purse was missing. Marie remembered that she had left her purse in the car on the front seat. To retrieve her purse, the cashier at the sale made Marie leave the dress on a table. Returning with the money, the dress was gone! In the checkout line, Marie saw another woman holding her dress. Marie approached the woman with a smile. After explaining the situation, the woman was nice enough to give the dress back.

**Task three. Revising a wordy paragraph**

Underline the wordy parts of the following paragraph. Then re-write the paragraph on a separate page. Reduce the wordiness, but be sure you include all the information from the original.

Canada in Space

Canada does not send space shuttles and rockets into space, so for that reason people tend to forget that Canada has made very significant contributions to space exploration. Because of its large size, Canada has specialized in satellite communications technology. In 1962, Canada became the third country in the world to have a satellite in orbit when it launched Alouette 1 in the early sixties. The Alouette 1 satellite was followed in 1972 by the Anik A-1 satellite which provided coast-to-coast across Canada telephone services. Furthermore, Canada has developed important tools for operating in space like the Canadarm. It was developed first in 1981. The Canadarm is a mechanical robotic arm used by astronauts on the American space shuttle. Canada has also provided the space industry with people to go into space(astronauts) . The first Canadian astronaut was Marc Garneau, who was an astronaut who did research on the space shuttle. A more recent Canadian astronaut is Julie Payette who went into space on the space shuttle in June of 1999. These contributions to the world of the space industry are important ones and should not be forgotten.

**Choppy writing**

I like autumn. Autumn is a sad time of the year, too. The leaves turn bright shades of red. The weather is mild. I can't help thinking ahead to the winter and the ice storms.They will surely blow through here. That will be the season of chapped faces. People will put on layers of clothes. Those days, I'll have to shovel heaps of snow from my car's windshield.

Revision

I like autumn**, and yet** autumn is a sad time of the year, too. The leaves turn bright shades of red **and** the weather is mild**, but** I can't help thinking ahead to the winter and the ice storms **that** will surely blow through here. **In addition,** that will be the season of chapped faces, too many layers of clothes to put on, and days when I'll have to shovel heaps of snow from my car's windshield.

**Topics**

1. All-girl schools have been gaining popularity in recent years because of the belief that girls learn better when they aren’t 2 501 Writing Prompts 3 competing with or intimidated by boys, who statistically get more attention in the classroom. Do you think single-sex schools are a good idea? Why or why not? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.
2. Many people believe that honesty is the best policy. In your opinion, is it ever okay to lie? Explain your answer using specific reasons and examples.
3. Who makes a better leader: someone who is loved, or someone who is feared? Take a position and explain your answer.
4. Should a parent be a child’s disciplinarian, or a child’s best friend? Take a position and explain your answer using specific reasons and examples.
5. Every year, millions of people visit zoos around the world. But some people believe that zoos are inhumane and that animals should not be kept in captivity. Do you agree? Why or why not? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.