

Dangling Modifiers Practice #1

Cross out answers that CANNOT work. Then decide which of the remaining answers is correct.

1. An institution created in 1913 by Woodrow Wilson and still guiding our country's monetary system today, the Federal Reserve's power over our economy is immense.

- (A) the Federal Reserve's power over our economy is immense
- (B) the Federal Reserve's power over our economy was immense
- (C) the Federal Reserve having immense power over our economy
- (D) the Federal Reserve has immense power over our economy
- (E) our economy is controlled by the Federal Reserve and its immense power

2. Having been fined by industry regulators and dismissed by his employer for insider trading, being unemployed was difficult for Jimmy.

- (A) being unemployed was difficult for Jimmy
- (B) being unemployed is difficult for Jimmy
- (C) unemployment was difficult for Jimmy
- (D) Jimmy finding unemployment difficult
- (E) Jimmy found unemployment difficult

3. Although best known for his books that passionately defend local and organic food, Michael Pollan has written on other topics as well.

- (A) Michael Pollan has written on other topics as well
- (B) Michael Pollan will have written on other topics as well
- (C) Michael Pollan's books cover other topics as well
- (D) Michael Pollan's books covered other topics as well
- (E) Michael Pollan's writing on other topics as well

4. Never one to waste a crisis, the earthquake was used by the dictator to consolidate his power.

- (A) the earthquake was used by the dictator to consolidate his power
- (B) the earthquake could have been used by the dictator to consolidate his power
- (C) the dictator used the earthquake to consolidate his power
- (D) the dictator use the earthquake to consolidate his power
- (E) the dictator's power was consolidated by the earthquake

Answers:

1. D
2. E
3. A
4. C