

The Learning Centre

**Grammar Skills**

1. Jogging along the esplanade, the heavy rain soaked Natalia.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *dangling modifier*

Correction: *Jogging along the esplanade, Natalia got soaked by the heavy rain.*

*(In the incorrect version, the sentence suggests that the heavy rain is jogging along the esplanade. In the corrected version, Natalia is the one jogging along the esplanade.)*

2. Sociology 121 told me that I was a bad writer; however, after a lot of hard work, my writing got better.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *faulty predication*

Correction: *My Sociology 121 teacher told me that I was a bad writer; however, after a lot of hard work, my writing got better.*

3. Skiing down the slippery hill, the ice nearly made Joanne fall.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *dangling modifier*

Correction: *Skiing down the slippery hill, Joanne nearly fell on the ice.*

6. In *The Yellow Wallpaper*, the themes characterize the main character, Jane, as someone with a mental illness.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *faulty predication*

Correction: *In The Yellow Wallpaper, the author characterizes the main character, Jane, as someone with a mental illness.*

7. Frances caught the flu last Wednesday and gets over it quickly just in time to write her exam on Friday.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *shift in perspective*

Correction: *Frances caught the flu last Wednesday and got over it quickly just in time to write her exam on Friday.*

8. The woman struggled as she was chased by a dog in heels.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *misplaced modifier*

Correction: *The woman in heels struggled as she was chased by a dog.*

9. I think daycare workers should be required to have an Early Childhood Education certificate, it would prepare the workers to keep the children safe.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *comma splice*

Correction: *I think daycare workers should be required to have an Early Childhood*

Correction: *n/a*

11. Because Tracy is more interested in Nigel than she is in Trevor, she avoids his flirty glances in the hallways at school.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *unclear pronoun*

Correction: *Tracy avoids \_\_\_\_\_flirty glances in the hallways at school. This is because she is more interested in Nigel than she is in Trevor.*