

EXERCISE 12-1 Misplaced and dangling modifiers: Guided practice

Edit the following paragraphs to eliminate misplaced and dangling modifiers. The numbers in the margin refer to appropriate rules in section 12 of *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition. The first revision has been done for you, and a suggested revision of this exercise appears in the back of the book.

Hearing the name Karl Marx, ^{people usually think first of} Russia, ~~is usually the first thought that comes to mind.~~ 12e

Marx never lived in Russia at all. Actually, he almost spent all of his adult life in England. He was a political exile for the last half of his life. 12a

Marx lived first in Germany. Born of Jewish parents, his university studies were completed with a Ph.D. at the University of Jena. His favorite professor tried to get Marx an appointment to teach at the university. When that professor was fired, Marx gave up hope of teaching at Jena or any other German university. Marx, because he was denied a university position, had to earn his living as a journalist. He worked briefly as a newspaper editor in Germany. 12c

Next came France, Belgium, and a return to Germany. First Marx and his new bride moved to Paris, where Marx worked for a radical journal and became friendly with Friedrich Engels. When the journal ceased publication, Marx moved to Brussels, Belgium, and then back to Cologne, Germany. He did not hold a regular job, so he tried desperately to at least earn enough money to feed his family. 12d

Marx decided after living in Paris and Brussels he would settle in London. He and his family lived in abject poverty while Marx earned what little income he could by writing for an American newspaper, the *New York Tribune*. 12b