

EXERCISE 12-2 Misplaced modifiers Before working this exercise, read section 12 in *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition.

Circle the letter of the more effective sentence in each pair. Example:

a. Marx almost spent all his time writing, using every waking moment to get his ideas down on paper.

(b) Marx spent almost all his time writing, using every waking moment to get his ideas down on paper.

1a. Between 1852 and 1862, Marx just wrote more than three hundred articles for the *New York Tribune*.

b. Between 1852 and 1862, Marx wrote more than three hundred articles just for the *New York Tribune*.

2a. During his lifetime, Marx did not receive much attention. But people all over the world paid attention to what he had written after his death.

b. During his lifetime, Marx did not receive much attention. But after his death, people all over the world paid attention to what he had written.

3a. He wanted only one thing for himself: recognition of the importance of his ideas.

b. He only wanted one thing for himself: recognition of the importance of his ideas.

4a. Capitalist scholars tend to usually say that Marx's work is "illogical" and "uninformed."

b. Capitalist scholars usually tend to say that Marx's work is "illogical" and "uninformed."

5a. However, most capitalists agree that as a student of social organization, he was brilliant.

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