



Modifiers

1. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.

A hare was (a) **very** (use an **intensifier** to pre-modify the adjective) popular with the other beasts who all claimed to be her friends. But one day she heard the hounds (b) **coming towards him** (use participle phrase to post-modify the noun). She hoped to escape them by the aid of her (c) **dear beast** (use a noun adjective to pre-modify the noun) friends. So, she went to the horse, and asked him to carry her (d) **quickly** (post-modify the verb) from the hounds on his back. But he declined stating that he had important work to do for his master. She then applied to the bull, and hoped that he would repel the hounds with (e) **his** (pre-modify the noun with a possessive pronoun) horns. The bull replied " I am very sorry, but I have an appointment with a lady; but feel sure that our friend the fox will do (f) **what you want** (post-modify the verb with a clause)". The fox, (g) **a cunning friend** (post-modify the noun with an appositive), however, feared that his back might do her some harm if he took her upon it. Finally he went to the ram who replied : "Another time, my dear friend, I am really unable (h) **to help you**. (use an infinitive phrase into post-modify the verb)." (i) **Facing/seeing all these** (use a participle to pre-modify the verb) the hare was shocked and made a conclusion that, "He that has (j) **many** (pre-modify the noun) friends, has no friends."

2. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.

Air and water are the most (a) **essential/important** (use an adjective to pre-modify the noun) elements of the environment. But we are polluting them (b) **unwisely/ frequently** (post-modify the verb with an adverb). Mills and factories use fuel (c) **to produce** (post-modify the verb with an **infinitive**) products. The burning of this fuel creates smoke (d) **drastically/largely** (post-modify the verb with an adverbial). Motor vehicles also pollute the air, (e) **an important element of environment**(usean **appositive**). Water is polluted by (f) **many** (pre-modify the noun with a **quantifier**) kinds of waste and filth. We also contaminate water (g) **throwing waste** (post-modify the verb with a **present participle phrase**) into it. Farmers use (h) **chemical** (pre-modify the noun with an adjective) fertilizers and insecticides and pollute water. (i) **Polluted** (pre-modify the noun with a past participle) water is (j) **very** (pre-modify the adjective with an **intensifier**) harmful to health.

3. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.

Rabindranath Tagore was a (a) **great** (pre-modify the noun) poet of Bengali literature. He was born in to a (b) **famous** (pre-modify the noun) family at Jarasanko, Kolkata. He went to school (c) **regularly/ at an early age** (post modify the verb). He wrote his (d) **first** (pre-modify the noun) verse at the age of eight. At the age of seventeen, he went to London (e) **to attend** (post-modify the verb with an **infinitive**) school there. He was put up in a lodging house under the care of a (f) **professional** (pre-modify the noun) coach, Mr. Scott. He was lucky (g) **to stay with/ to have** (post-modify the adjective with an infinitive) an English family of Mr. Scott. He also visited the house of parliament (h) **to see/ to listen**

to(post-modify the verb with an infinitive) Gladstone and John Bright's debates on Irish rule. He wrote letters to Kolkata (i) describing (post-modify the verb with a present participle) English society. At this, his family thought that they might lose their son (j) permanently/ forever (post-modify the verb). So, he was called back to Kolkata.

4. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces.

Education, (a) source of knowledge, (use appositive to post-modify the noun) is essential for development. We can improve (b) our (use possessive to pre -modify the noun) mind. An (c) educated (adjective to pre-modify the noun) person has the ability (d) to discover (infinitive phrase) new thing. One can refine one's sensibility by (e) educating oneself (present participle phrase). Actually, the educated are able to bring about (f) overall (pre-modify the noun) development. On the other hand, an (g) uneducated person (h) usually (use adverb to pre-modify the verb) lag behind. So, the educated should come forward (i) in order (prepositional phrase) to educate all in the society to unload (j) the (use determiner) owes to the country.