

GRAMMAR FORENSICS

Read the three ambiguous texts below. Use the Sleuth the Sentence strategy (explained below) to solve the Social Media post and the Text Message, and Comic Strip Analyzer below to analyze the Instruction Manual. Evaluate each ambiguous text to restate the text clearly.

Sleuth the Sentence

SOCIAL MEDIA POST

**JUST GOT BACK FROM
LUNCH WITH SARAH AND TOLD
HER ABOUT MY SISTER. SHE
SAID SHE THINKS SHE SHOULD
DEFINITELY TALK TO HER
ABOUT IT BEFORE SHE MAKES
ANY DECISIONS. REALLY HOPE
SHE TAKES HER ADVICE!** 

TEXT MESSAGE

hey! so i saw Jake with
his brother at the mall
and he told him that he
really needs to return his
jacket before he gets
mad. he said he'd do it
tomorrow but idk if he
actually will lol

IDENTIFY POSSIBLE INTERPRETATIONS: What did the author or speaker mean? Use context clues and logical reasoning.

WHY did the ambiguity occur?

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ANALYZE THE GRAMMAR: Draw an Ambiguity Diagram of your own design. Try to map out the different possible meanings of an ambiguous sentence by showing how words and phrases connect to each other in multiple ways. Use figures, lines, arrows, and other symbols to represent the possible interpretations visually.

Show how to fix the ambiguity.

Comic Strip Analyzer

INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL

Assembly Instructions—Step 5:

Place the mounting bracket onto the base panel and align it with the pre-drilled holes. Insert the screws through it and tighten them with the hex wrench. Make sure it is firmly secured before attaching it to the frame. If it becomes loose during installation, remove it and reapply the adhesive strip to it before reinstalling it.

Draw a picture representing the instructions as written.	Draw one interpretation of the instructions.	Draw another interpretation of the instructions.	Draw and label a picture explaining the correct interpretation.



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