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**Coherence:
Misplaced Parts;
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Avoid needless separation of related parts

desired. Note how the meaning in the following sentences changes according to the position of the modifier *only*:

- She said that she loved *only* him.
[She loved no one else.]
- She said that *only* she loved him.
[No one else loved him.]
- She said *only* that she loved him.
[She said nothing else.]
- Only* she said that she loved him.
[No one else said it.]

Normally the modifier should be placed as near the word modified as idiomatic English will permit.

Note: If you cannot distinguish readily the various modifiers and the parts of the sentence discussed in this chapter, review Section 1, especially 1d, and Section 4.