

## Writing Center Correction Symbols

<b>AC</b>	<b>Adjective Clause/Adjective Phrase (Relative Clause) error-</b> You need to add, remove, or edit an adjective clause or phrase. For example, the sentence “I saw a man <i>shouted</i> at me” should be “I saw a man <i>who shouted</i> at me” or “I saw a man <i>shouting</i> at me.”
<b>Art</b>	<b>Article-</b> Missing or incorrect article. “She bought phone” should correctly read: “She bought <i>a</i> phone.”
<b>AV/PV</b>	<b>Active Voice/Passive Voice-</b> Active voice should have been used instead of passive voice, or vice versa. For example, the passive voice sentence “It <i>was seemed</i> interesting” should be written in the active voice: “It <i>seemed</i> interesting.” The passive voice cannot be used with intransitive (non-action) verbs like <i>seem</i> .
<b>C</b>	<b>Capitalization-</b> A word should be capitalized. “ <i>i</i> went to the store” should be “ <i>I</i> went to the store.”
<b>Coh</b>	<b>Coherence-</b> One idea does not flow into the next; you need to clarify (make clear) your logic.
<b>Cond</b>	<b>Conditional-</b> A conditional (real or unreal) sentence has been incorrectly used or formed: “If the bus <i>did come</i> on time, I <i>would not have been</i> late” should be “If the bus <i>had come</i> on time, I <i>would not have been</i> late.”
<b>CS</b>	<b>Comma splice-</b> A comma should not be used to separate two complete sentences, without using a conjunction, such as “I want to buy an Xbox, I can’t because I am broke.” The correct sentence should be “I want to buy an Xbox, <i>but</i> I can’t because I am broke.”
<b>Frag/F</b>	<b>Fragment-</b> Incomplete sentence, such as “because my dog ate my homework.” This sentence needs another clause to make it complete, such as “I can’t turn in my homework because my dog ate my homework.”
<b>Id</b>	<b>Idiom-</b> There is a common idiom for what you are trying to say, or your idiom is incorrect.
<b>G/I</b>	<b>Gerund/Infinitive-</b> There is a gerund or infinitive error. Some verbs require gerunds; other verbs require infinitives. For example, “I enjoy <i>playing</i> basketball” is correct (the verb “enjoy” is always followed by a gerund), but “I enjoy <i>to play</i> basketball” is incorrect. Gerunds can also be subjects ( <i>Swimming</i> is fun).
<b>M</b>	<b>Modal-</b> A modal is missing or the wrong one is used. In the sentence “When I was a kid, I <i>can</i> play the piano” should be “When I was a kid, I <i>could</i> play the piano”
<b>NC</b>	<b>Noun Clause-</b> There is a noun clause error. For example, “I am not really sure why <i>is he</i> late” should be “I am not really sure why <i>he is</i> late.”
<b>Num/#</b>	<b>Wrong Number-</b> You made a singular or plural error. “I love English homeworks” should be “I love English homework.” Homework is a non-count noun.
<b>OK</b>	<b>My Mistake-</b> I made an editing mistake (your teacher), and you are right!
<b>P</b>	<b>Punctuation-</b> The sentence uses the wrong punctuation, or a punctuation mark needs to be added/deleted. For example, “He stayed at home, because he was tired” should be: “He stayed at home because he was tired.”
<b>Poss</b>	<b>Possessive Form-</b> “My sister dog is ugly” should be “My <i>sister’s</i> dog is ugly.”
<b>Prep</b>	<b>Preposition-</b> The wrong preposition is used or is missing. For example, “The money is <i>to</i> me” should correctly read as “The money is <i>for</i> me.”
<b>Pro</b>	<b>Pronoun-</b> Incorrect pronoun used (“Everyone should bring <i>their</i> backpack” should be “Everyone should bring her backpack”) or pronoun shift (“When <i>one</i> reads a story, <i>you</i> should pay attention” should correctly read: “When <i>one</i> reads a story, <i>one</i> should pay attention.”)
<b>RO</b>	<b>Run-On Sentence-</b> When two complete sentences are joined without punctuation or a conjunction (for, and, not, but, or, yet), such as “It is nearly five we cannot reach town before dark.” This sentence should correctly read: “It is nearly five o’clock. We cannot reach time before dark” or “It is nearly five o’clock, <i>and</i> we cannot reach town before dark” or “It is nearly five o’clock; we cannot reach town before dark.”

<b>Red</b>	<b>Redundant-</b> Take out the unnecessary word or expression. For example, “The interviewee was asked <i>by the interviewer...</i> ” should be “The interviewee was asked...”
<b>SP</b>	<b>Spelling-</b> A word is spelled wrong; for example, “ <i>piza</i> ” should be “ <i>pizza</i> .”
<b>SS</b>	<b>Sentence Structure-</b> Sentence order is incorrect. For example, “I and Jose packed yesterday the car” should correctly read “Jose and I packed the car yesterday.”
<b>SV</b>	<b>Subject/Verb agreement-</b> Incorrect subject and verb agreement, such as “they <i>is</i> coming.” The correct form is “they <i>are</i> coming.”
<b>SL</b>	<b>Slang-</b> Use a more formal academic word or phrase instead of informal slang.
<b>Tran</b>	<b>Transitions-</b> Words such as “however, although, first, therefore, moreover, etc...” are either missing or incorrect.
<b>VF</b>	<b>Verb Form-</b> The wrong form of the verb was used. For example, the correct past tense form of swim is “ <i>swam</i> ” and not “ <i>swimed</i> .”
<b>VT</b>	<b>Verb Tense-</b> The wrong verb tense was used (e.g. simple present, past progressive, etc.). For example, “I am having a headache because grammar is so difficult” should correctly read “I have a headache because grammar is so difficult”
<b>WF</b>	<b>Word Form-</b> For example, in the sentence, “my mother is very <i>intelligence</i> ,” the word “ <i>intelligence</i> ” is the noun form and is incorrect. The adjective form, “ <i>intelligent</i> ,” should have been used.
<b>WO</b>	<b>Word Order-</b> The order of words is incorrect. “Why <i>you are</i> yelling?” should be “Why <i>are you</i> yelling?”
<b>WW</b>	<b>Wrong Word-</b> The wrong word is used, and another word should be used instead. For example, “I finished my homework and <i>closed</i> the computer” should be correctly written as “I finished my homework and <i>turned off</i> the computer.”
//	<b>Not Parallel-</b> The sentence is not balanced. For example, the sentence “I like <i>surfing, playing</i> ping-pong, and <i>to run</i> marathons” is not parallel (two gerunds and one infinitive is used). “I like <i>surfing, playing</i> ping-pong, and <i>running</i> marathons” is better (three gerunds are used and not mixed with infinitives).
/	<b>Separate-</b> For example, “ <i>eventhough</i> ” should be “ <i>even though</i> ”
?	<b>I Can’t Understand What You Mean-</b> The sentence needs to be re-written more clearly
^	<b>Insert-</b> You need to use an additional article, preposition, explanation, etc...
¶	<b>Paragraph-</b> You need a new paragraph or a clearer paragraph border (indent five spaces)
√	<b>I Like It!</b> Good job – I think your writing or idea is strong here.