

## Correction Symbols

### ❖ Paragraph-Level Revision

**<sentence(s)>** = sentence or sentences do not seem to relate to the topic of the writing. You need to explain the connection or remove the sentence(s).

**sentence(s)** = you need to add more detail to support the point you are talking about in the underlined sentences. This means you will need to **write more** and add more explanation or examples.

**wavy sentence(s)** = sentence or sentences seem unorganized. Perhaps they should be in a different part of the paragraph.

**[sentence(s)]** = the ideas in your sentence or sentences are unclear or do not make sense and needs to be rewritten to help make your ideas clear to your reader.

### ❖ Verb Errors

**nv** = needs verb

**nv**  
**Example:** Maria happy.      **Correct:** Maria is happy.

**sva** = subject-verb agreement

**sva**  
**Example:** Shawn sing in the shower every day.  
**Correct:** Shawn sings in the shower every day.

**vf** = verb form is incorrect

**vf**  
**Example:** Harpreet going to visit her mom today.  
**Correct:** Harpreet is going to see her mom today.

**vt** = verb tense is incorrect

**vt**  
**Example:** Bernardo works at Walmart since 1987.  
**Correct:** Bernardo has worked at Walmart since 1987.

**wv** = wrong verb

**wv**  
**Example:** I said them to go home.      **Correct:** I told them to go home.

### ❖ Word Errors

**art.** = insert article

**art.**  
**Example:** He bought car.      **Correct:** He bought a car.

**ns** = needs subject

**Example:** Enjoyed the sunny day. **Correct:** We enjoyed the sunny day.

**no** = needs object

**Example:** We enjoyed. **Correct:** We enjoyed the sunny day.

**pl.** = make plural

**Example:** Zimfira saw three lion. **Correct:** Zimfira saw three lions

**poss** = possessive form error

**Example:** Gurpreet found Rosuras book in her backpack.  
**Correct:** Gurpreet found Rosura's book in her backpack.

**prep** = preposition error

**Example:** Uyen is taking classes in Yuba College.  
**Correct:** Uyen is taking classes at Yuba College.

**sing.** = make singular

**Example:** Elena bought her daughter a backpacks for school.  
**Correct:** Elena bought her daughter a backpack for school.

**sp.** = spelling mistake/error

**Example:** My cusin bought a car. **Correct:** My cousin bought a car.

**wf** = word form is incorrect

**Example:** Mohammad ran quick and won the race.  
**Correct:** Mohammad ran quickly and won the race.

**wp** = wrong pronoun

**Example:** Maria is my friend. He lives in CA.  
**Correct:** Maria is my friend. She lives in CA.

**ww** = wrong word

**Example:** Fatima ordered her favorite plate at the restaurant.  
**Correct:** Fatima ordered her favorite dish at the restaurant.

**^** = insert something

**Example:** I walked the park. **Correct:** I walked to the park.

## ❖ Capitalization, Punctuation, and Sentence-level Errors

**cs** = commas splice

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**Example:** She ate dinner, then she went to the store.

**Correct:** She ate dinner. Then she went to the store.

**frag** = fragment/incomplete sentence

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**frag**

**Example:** {Because he lost his cellphone.}

**Correct:** Vang couldn't call his friends because he lost his cellphone.

**ro** = run-on sentence

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**Example:** He graduated then he went to Chico State to get his Bachelor's degree.

**Correct:** He graduated. Then he went to Chico State to get his Bachelor's degree.

**/** = **(a)** make a lowercase/small letter **OR (b)** delete word(s)

**a. Example:** Layle went to the ~~s~~store **Correct:** Layle went to the store.

**b. Example:** He ~~was~~ arrived on time. **Correct:** He arrived on time.

**=** under a letter = make the letter uppercase/capital

**Example:** Yolanda lives on elm street. **Correct:** Yolanda lives on Elm Street.

**#** - insert a space

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**Example:** December 31,2017.

**Correct:** December 31, 2017



= change phrase/words to the above

**Example:** Nowadays, growing up children is too expensive.

**Correct:** Nowadays, raising children is too expensive.



= reverse word order.

**Example:** She explained to me the rules.

**Correct:** She explained the rules to me.

**[ ]** = A word is unreadable or so misspelled that I can't tell what the word is.

**Example:** For sure, another member **[binkuptr]** another rule.

**Correct:** For sure, another member broke another rule.

**Note:** If you see two symbols above a word, it means you have two errors. See the example below.

**wv/vt**

**Example:** Yesterday, I say them to call. **Correct:** Yesterday, I told them to call.

### Correction Symbol Practice

**Directions:** Rewrite the following paragraph making the changes indicated by the correction symbols.

There are several thing<sup>pl.</sup> you can do stay<sup>VF</sup> healthy. First, getting regular exercise is very important<sup>CS</sup>, exercise helps your body stay in shape. Keeps<sup>NS</sup> your body working properly. Even if you were<sup>VT</sup> busy, you can still find time to exercise. Go for a walk in the morning or during your lunch break. You'll be<sup>WF</sup> surprise at how good you feel. <Animals are very sweet and caring.> Another think<sup>WW</sup> you can do to stay helthy<sup>SP.</sup> is eat healthy food and avoid<sup>WF</sup> junk. Make sure you eat lots of fruits and vegetables. Try not to eat lots of oily foods. Lots of oil isn't good for you. Try going<sup>WF</sup> to the gym on the weekends and working out for at least an hour. Also try not to eat lots<sup>of</sup> sugar because this is not good for you either. Another thing that is important to do to stay healthy is to think positively. Don't dwell on negatively thoughts. Finally, spending time with family and friends<sup>NV</sup> a great way to stay healthy. Humans need social contact, so it's important that you make sure you spend time with people. Meet friends for dinner, go see a movie with someone, and visit your family. It has<sup>WV</sup> very important health is very important, and this stay healthy things do someone.