

Correction Symbols

The following are some of the most common correction symbols that I use when marking student papers.

- AP Apostrophe (misused or left out)
- SPEC Be more specific in your content (content too general; add example)
- = Capital letter (misused or needed)
- ⊂ Close up extra space between letters or words
- CS Comma Splice
- ? Confusing content (content is not clear in context)
- Δ, IC Dependent clause, + independent clause (comma needed)
- ΔEV Development (content is too short/brief; add more details or ideas)
- FR Fragment (incomplete sentence)
- // Faulty parallelism
- ✓ Good point
- ICΔC Independent clause + dependent clause (no punctuation needed)
- LOG Logic (faulty reasoning)
- MOD Mixed, faulty, or misplaced modifier
- CONST Mixed or faulty sentence constructions
- ¶ Paragraph
- PRA Pronoun Agreement (Pronoun with Antecedent)
- P Punctuation (missing or misused)
- RO Run-on sentence (I I) (no punctuation between two independent clauses)
- SS Sentence structure (unclear in content and needs revision)
- SHIFT Shift in person or number
- ^ Something left out at this point in sentence
- SP Spelling (unclear handwriting may be marked as sp error)
- SVA Subject-verb agreement
- VT Verb tense
- WC Word choice
- WY Wordy (unnecessary words - simplify)
- WN Wrong word (usually a synonym)