



Writing Comments and Abbreviations

Abbreviations

Writing Errors

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punct -, ; . () : - or hyph	punctuation error: comma, semicolon, period, parentheses, colon, hyphen	EC54 RG unit 5
cap	capitalization problem	RG 219
fused sent	fused or run-on sentence	RG 49
combine	combine sentences	EC 41; RG 93,158
frag	sentence fragment or incomplete sentence	RG 59,146,148
pron ref	unclear pronoun reference	RG 41; PH 127
tense	verb tense error	EC 52; RG103
s-v or n-pr agr	subject – verb or noun – pronoun agreement error	RG 52
pl	plural error	RG 53
dnpl mod	dangler modifier	RG 65
mispl mod	misplaced modifier	RG 65
pred	predication error	RG 76
art	article error or missing	RG 135,280
ps or parallel	parallelism or parallel structure problem	EC 49; RG 69
wordy	wordiness	EC 39; RG 250
rep	repetitious idea or repeated word	RG 275
prune	prune the prose	EC 42-43, 45
wc	awkward, imprecise or misleading word choice	EC 91
ww	wrong word used	RG 255-265
coh	incoherent text – usually multiple problems	RG units 3 & 4
awk (const)	awkward phrase or sentence construction	EC 91; RG unit 3
unclear	unclear phrase or sentence	EC 91; RG 83
vague	vagueness – be more specific	RG 83
passive	unnecessary use of passive voice	EC 37 RG 111
tone	inappropriate tone	RG 4,74,257,565
mood	subjunctive mood error	RG 112
trans	missing or inappropriate transition	EC 45,89; RG 87
logic	error in logic – usually either illogical or missing step in argument	EC 43, 89 RG 28
concl.	missing conclusion to argument	RG 21,28-39,89 EC 89
 or no 	begin new paragraph or do not start new paragraph	RG 20
topic sent (TS)	topic sentence is absent, buried in paragraph, or just needs work	EC 47
format	formatting error: (ex - page #, spacing, font size, widow/orphan, references)	EC ch.8; RG 485
cit	citation missing or error	RG 346; unit 11