

Correction Symbols

SYMBOL	MEANING
FRAG	You wrote a fragment (incomplete) sentence. Attach it to a sentence or make it into a sentence. Example: He was late. Because he missed the bus. Correction: He was late because he missed the bus.
RO	Correct the run-on sentence. Punctuate it as two sentences Example: He took a shower, then he ate breakfast. Correction: He took a shower. Then he ate breakfast. After he took a shower, he ate breakfast. He took a shower and ate breakfast. After taking a shower, he ate breakfast.
¶	Paragraph. When placed in your text, it means indent for a new paragraph.
No ¶	Do not indent for a new paragraph.
Wordy	Omit unnecessary words. Use more concise sentences. Wordy: What she seems to be at this point is very exhausted. Correction: She seems exhausted.
Transition (Needed)	Supply or improve a transition word or phrase. Mysterious: The meeting was postponed. Watson went to New York. Clearer: The meeting was postponed, so Watson went to New York. The meeting was postponed because Watson went to New York. The meeting was postponed, but Watson went to New York anyway.
Unity, Focus (Problem)	The paragraph lacks a focus or direction, or the details seem irrelevant.
? or vague	The purpose or meaning of the sentence, word, or phrase is not clear. Illegible handwriting.
≠	Make the items in the sentence or paragraph parallel. Example: He enjoys watching TV and to play chess. Correction: He enjoys watching TV and playing chess.
X	Eliminate the word, letter(s), or punctuation with the X over it.
like what, such as	Give an example or more detail here.
Awk (awkward)	The sentence is awkward (difficult to process). Rewrite it. Awkward: The importance of studying is necessary. Clearer: Studying is important. Studying is necessary.
mixed	Two sentence patterns conflict. Mixed: According to the FBI reported that violent crime decreased. Better: According to the FBI, violent crime decreased. The FBI reported that violent crime decreased.