

Understanding Editing Marks on Essays

Mark in Essay	Meaning
during it's beginning	An error involving apostrophe (') use, usually an apostrophe in the wrong place (more information)
(awkward)	Usually a part of a sentence with flawed grammar or syntax
"Cat in the <u>rain</u> "	A word should be capitalized
"Cat in T he Rain"	A word should not be capitalized
together, but she says	A place where a comma is needed (more information)
together, but says	A place where a comma should be deleted (more information)
together, she begins	A comma splice, one of the serious sentence-boundary errors in which a comma is used to separate two complete sentences (more information)
and looking at her. ^{para}	Faulty parallelism, usually two or more items in a series that are not presented in a parallel fashion (more information)
out the window. ^{frag} She	A sentence fragment (also called an incomplete sentence), one of the serious sentence-boundary errors involving a "sentence" that is missing a subject, a finite verb, or a completed thought (more information)
(incorrect citation)	A parenthetical citation that is not presented correctly
(inaccurate quotation)	A quotation that is not copied correctly, a quotation that appears differently in an essay than it appears in the original source

He cannot <u>except</u> that	An incorrectly used word, such as the use of "there" in a place where "their" is needed (more information)
(integrate quotations)	Not an error, but a serious stylistic weakness, a quotation standing by itself, not integrated into one of the writer's own sentences (more information)
(misused semicolon)	
looking at her, ^{mod} it is	A misplaced, dangling or squinting modifier, often a phrase beginning with an "-ing" verb (more information)
He can <u>not</u> accept that	A place where a space should not be, often between a quotation mark and the first word of the quotation
her <u>husbands</u> ^{poss} belief	A possessive error, usually a possessive form lacking the apostrophe (') (similar to an apostrophe error) (more information)
Everyone had <u>their</u> ^{pron}	A pronoun error, usually a pronoun that does not agree in number with its antecedent, such as "they" used for "everyone" or "a person" (more information)
<u>together</u> ^{run-on} she begins	A run-on sentence, one of the serious sentence-boundary errors in which two sentences (or independent clauses) are not separated by any punctuation (more information)
He cannot <u>accept</u> ^{sp} that	A misspelled word
(space)	A place where a space is needed
(s/v)	A lack of subject/verb agreement, occurring when a verb does not agree in number with its subject (more information)
together <u>;</u> but says	A semicolon used incorrectly, usually because what comes before or after the semicolon is not a complete sentence (more information)
together <u>:</u> but says	A place where a colon is used incorrectly
(typo)	A typographical error

(?)	A place where a question mark is needed
out the window. She	A place where a quotation mark is needed
(:)	A place where a colon is needed
<u>"Cat in the Rain"</u>	No underlining
in "Cat in the Rain",	Misplaced punctuation
she looks out window	A place where a word appears to be missing