

CORRECTION SYMBOLS

Casines

ag/pr agreement/pr—lack of agreement between pronoun and referent

ag/v agreement/sv—lack of agreement between subject and verb

avoid avoid using the underlined words or phrases

awk awkward—rewrite using more idiomatic English

cap capital—capitalize underlined word

c case—wrong pronoun case

coh coherence—a smoother transition needed, too much of a jump in the trend of thought

cont contraction—avoid using contractions

dm dangling modifier—word being modified is missing

d diction—select a word that is exact, idiomatic, and fresh

d/p diction/pompous—language too stilted and artificially formal

d/sl diction/slang—do not use slang or colloquial words in formal writing

d/sp diction/specific—word is too vague or general; use a more specific word

d/tr diction/trite—do not use trite expressions or words

d/w diction/wrong word—the word chosen says something other than what the writer means

frag fragment—incomplete group of words

mm misplaced modifiers—adjectives or adjective phrase should be placed as close as possible to the word modified

no cap do not capitalize—underlined word should be in lower case

non sequita does not follow—faculty logic, sentence does not follow assertions of preceding sentence (s)

no num no number—spell out the number

A paragraph—begin a new paragraph

pu passive voice—change the sentence to the active voice

pu point of view—avoid using “you” or “I”; use the 3rd person

ref reference—ambiguous or incorrect referent

rewrite rewrite/recast—sentence does not make any sense; rewrite it

ro run on—incorrect joining of 2 independent clauses

sp spelling—misspelled word

sub subordination—subordinate the sentences marked

t tense—incorrect tense used

trans transition—need to provide a smooth transition between the 2 sentences or paragraphs

unq unnecessary question—avoid using questions

var variety—change the sentence patterns

w wordiness—eliminate some words

yuk yuk—I hate it; use another word

/ unnecessary punctuation—eliminate it

// parallelism—lack of parallel structure

^ punctuation mark should be inserted