

## English 1A - Correction Symbols

If you are wondering about the markings on your papers, I will typically use the following correction symbols. If you have questions about them please let me know, and I'll do my best to clarify. First, some definitions:

- Grammar - The system of rules implicit in a language, viewed as a mechanism for generating all sentences possible in that language.
- Syntax - The pattern of formation of sentences or phrases in a language.
- Punctuation - The use of standard marks and signs in writing and printing to separate words into sentences, clauses, and phrases in order to clarify meaning.

### Grammar

VT	verb tense error
AGR	verb agreement error
WF	error in word form
NUM	singular/plural error
CS	comma splice
RO	run-on sentence
FRAG	sentence fragment

### Mechanics

¶	begin a new paragraph
SP	error in spelling
P	error in punctuation
	error in capitalization

### Syntax and Usage

WW	wrong word choice
WC	questionable word choice
W	too many words
	rephrase; rework syntax
	move selected text to another location
??	unclear; difficult to understand
NEC	is this work/phrase necessary
ID	error in idiom use
^	insert
^ no	take out
	trim
[ ]	delete
RED	redundant
#	add a space
	connect these words