

# Essay Correction Symbols

- ms. Have you made an error in manuscript form? Should you resubmit this assignment after consulting the appropriate style sheet?
- A Would lower case be appropriate here? Why?
- b Would upper case be appropriate here? Why?
- Spelling Is this a spelling error?
- W Is this the word you need or intend here?
- frag Sentence fragment: what is this word group missing?
- FS Fused sentence: where have you run two sentences together?
- CS Comma splice: where have you asked a comma to join two complete sentences?
- MM Misplaced modifier: where does this information belong? Why?
- awk Could this be stated with greater clarity? How?
- p/a Does this pronoun agree with its antecedent?
- ante Is the antecedent of this pronoun clear?
- s/v Does the verb agree with the subject?
- trans Is your transition strong enough for clarity?
- P Should a new paragraph begin here? Why?
- tense Why has verb tense shifted here? Should it?
- diction Have you used language appropriate to your rhetorical context?
- W→S Have you moved logically from your weakest to your strongest support? Why not?
- purpose? What is the purpose of this word/these words/this section?
- G Would a general statement make this clear?
- S Have you provided sufficient specific support (descriptive details, facts, statistics, expert opinion, evidence)?
- Z-z-z Are you producing a soporific effect here? (Check your sentence variety.)
- ^ What have you omitted here?
- g Why should this be deleted?
- ? What is this?
- ✓ Something good happened here: what?
- ✓! Something very good happened here: what?