

Making Sense of Mrs. Huelsman-Bell's Editing Chicken Scratch

Symbol/term	What it means...	Example
≡	You need a capital letter here	In may of 1992 we flew to ≡ Bolivia.
^	Insert	The parrot tried to bite my . ^ finger
/ or Ø	Take out a capital letter or symbol	I have done very well in school for the past S years. ^ six
Sp	Spelling error	My reading became sp <u>ex</u> cellent, and I learned how to do addition and subtraction.
Coordination	You incorrectly formatted a compound sentence, usually by leaving out a comma with the conjunction.	In class we got to do this thing where the teacher got to pick your partner and you would fight them.
Subordination	You incorrectly formatted an introductory phrase	At seven pounds two ^, ounces I had many ^, wrinkles, and I looked like a canned prune.
WC	Word choice problem – your sentence is awkward, wordy, or just doesn't make sense the way it is written; there is a better way to write this sentence	I was mad because I wasn't in the wedding, so I walking in front of the wedding and the pictures.
Fragment	The sentence is incomplete; it is a partial sentence, missing either a subject or a predicate	Because it was too violent, too hot, too crowded, and too materialistic, among other reasons.
Run-on	The sentence goes on and on; it has too many subjects and or predicates; it puts two or more sentences together without proper coordination	Mr. Logan was nice but on Mondays we did a lot of work and what we don't finish is for homework and he also gives more homework with that.

Pronoun ref.	Pronoun reference – the pronoun is referring to an unclear person, place, or thing; you must tell who or what you are talking about before using a pronoun; the antecedent is unclear or the pronoun does not agree with the antecedent	It's where my dad was born and where they live.
Tense	You switched tense either from past to present or vice versa. Stick with one tense throughout the paper.	His birth name was Louis, but I decided to call him Wonder because he seems to wonder a lot.