


# WRITING MISTAKES SYMBOLS

SYMBOL	EXPLANATION	SYMBOL	EXPLANATION
#	violation of parallel structure	n. s.	nonsequitur: sentence does not logically follow previous one
a?	antecedent? (you need one)	prep.	Don't end sentence with a preposition
agr.	agreement problem between pronoun(s) and noun(s)	p. s.	Don't lapse into plot summary
awk.	awkward phrasing or syntax	p. v.	Passive voice; use only when necessary
C.	too colloquial; diction is too low	RE.	Avoid repetition
d↑	pretentious; diction is too high	R. W.?	Are you sure this is the right word?
c. s.	comma splice; run-together sentence	R. O.	Run-on sentence
cl.	cliche; overused expression		Spelling error
E?	evidence? (you need some)	s. v. a.	Subject-verb agreement problem
f.	sentence fragment	t?	Transition necessary
✓	good point	V.	Vague; choose a more specific word
in.	split infinitive	v. t.	Keep verb tense consistent
M?	meaning not clear	w.	Wordy
m. m.	misplaced modifier	w. w.	Wrong word; choose another