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Term	Abbreviation/ Symbol	Example	Correction
Subject-verb agreement	SVA	Physics are the study of matter and energy.	Physics is the study of matter and energy.
Plural	Pl	Cicada larvae can remain underground for up to 17 year .	Cicada larvae can remain underground for up to 17 years .
Parallel form	PF	Government expenditures include maintaining roads and to provide medical assistance.	Government expenditures include maintaining roads and providing medical assistance.
Word order	WO	The two prime ministers discussed how could they help each other's countries.	The two prime ministers discussed how they could help each other's countries.
Verb tense	VT	Molecular biologists Watson and Crick discover DNA nearly 70 years ago.	Molecular biologists Watson and Crick discovered DNA nearly 70 years ago.
Sentence fragment	Frag	To stay protected from UV rays.	Use sunscreen and a hat to stay protected from UV rays.
Comma splice	CS	Victoria is the capital of BC, Vancouver is the larger city.	Victoria is the capital of BC, but Vancouver is the larger city.
Wrong article	WA	The summer heat is often less intense in a morning .	The summer heat is often less intense in the morning .
Missing article	A?	Though they are widely feared, grizzly bear is no more aggressive than the black bear.	Though they are widely feared, the grizzly bear is no more aggressive than the black bear.
Run-on sentence	RO	The jury couldn't reach a verdict the judge called a recess until the next day.	The jury couldn't reach a verdict, so the judge called a recess until the next day.
Missing verb	V?	The policewoman asked the witness if he seen anything the night before.	The policewoman asked the witness if he had seen anything the night before.
Spelling	Sp	The umbrela is an old invention, dating back to ancient China.	The umbrella is an old invention, dating back to ancient China.
Wrong preposition	WPrep	In Canada, taxes are commonly due on the end of April.	In Canada, taxes are commonly due at the end of April.

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Pronoun reference	PRef	The teachers notified the school board officials that they would soon go on strike.	The teachers would soon go on strike, so they notified the school board officials.
Word form	WF	In medieval Europe, serfs earned their live by farming on rented land.	In medieval Europe, serfs earned their living by farming on rented land.
Misplaced modifier	MM	Two buildings were reported burned by the fire department last night.	The fire department reported that two buildings were burned last night.
Insert a comma*		Some of Canada's chief exports are timber  electricity, and oil.	Some of Canada's chief exports are timber , electricity, and oil.
Insert a space*		The pop culture  stereotypes of pirates are largely fictional.	The pop culture stereotypes of pirates are largely fictional.
Insert a period*		Rare earth minerals are used in the motherboards of many electronic devices  .	Rare earth minerals are used in the motherboards of many electronic devices.
Delete*		The International Space Station is  a communal effort by a number of countries.	The International Space Station is a communal effort by a number of countries.
Begin a new paragraph*		"Thank you for your time," said the chairperson.  "It was my pleasure," said the board member.	"Thank you for your time," said the chairperson. "It was my pleasure," said the board member.
Capitalize*		El niño is a relatively recent climatic  phenomenon.	El Niño is a relatively recent climatic phenomenon.
Lower case*		Monarch butterflies migrate  south to Mexico each year.	Monarch butterflies migrate south to Mexico each year.

*Note that these editing symbols do not appear in subsequent worksheets.