Dr. Vernon's Revision Symbols
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Symbol	Description
ab	abbreviation
ad	adjective/adverb form
agr/prn	pronoun agreement
agr/vb	verb agreement
awk	awkward construction
a-o	comparing apples & oranges, grammatically
"be"	overuse of "to be" verb
bep	beware the easy phrase (cliché)
bf	boldface
bias	biased language
blah *blah/duh*	sentence/phrase contributes nothing
boo	taboo word – see list
brk/s	break sentence
cap	capitalize
cat	categorical
cir	circular logic
cntxt	your reader has no context for this item
conf	confusing
consis.	form consistency
contr	possible contradiction
cmb/¶	combine paragraphs
cmb/s	combine sentences
cs	comma splice
d	diction
d/c	documentation/ citation
dem	demonstrative error
dm	dangling modifier
eg	example(s) needed
elab	elaborate
ev?	evidence needed
exp	expletive
F	format error
frag	sentence fragment
fs	fused sentence
hyph	hyphen

Symbol	Description
inc/cmp	incomplete comparison
int/m	interrupting modifier
ital	italics
k	awkward construction
lc	make lower case
log	logic
mm	misplaced modifier
mix	mixed/shifted syntax
naw	not a word
no ¶	no new paragraph
num	number format
o-s	overstatement, exaggeration
prep	preposition error
prn	pronoun case/form
prn/agr	pronoun agreement
pun	punctuation error
pv	passive voice
Q	quotation form/ punctuation/ integration
red	redundant syntax
ref	unclear pronoun reference
rel?	relevance not clear
rep	repetitive ideas
r-o	run-on sentence
semi	semicolon error
sp	check spelling
sh/p	shift in person
sh/vt	shift verb tense
spl	split infinitive
stet	ignore editorial mark; leave as was
s-v	subject-verb agreement
s-v conf.	subject-verb confusion
ti	title format
tr	transpose order
trans	weak transition
ugh	ungraceful expression

Symbol	Description
unest.	unestablished fact/claim
unspec.	unspecified reference (*these people*)
u-s	understatement
var/wc	word variety needed
var/Q	quotation integration variety
var/s	sentence variety
vb	check verb form
vb/agr	verb agreement
vt	check verb tense
w	wordy
wc	word choice
wf	word form
wm	word missing
ww	wrong word
wx	extra word
'	apostrophe error
//	faulty parallelism
✓	good point
?	not clear, not understood
^	insert
#	space
hel lo	close space between letter or words
( )	close space between lines
delete	delete
transpose order	transpose order
make lower case	make lower case
1	capitalize
¶	new paragraph