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The following symbols are most commonly used by instructors in marking written work. Most of the symbols are keyed to pages where the problem is discussed.

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adv	adverbs, 151-54
agr	agreement, 155-63
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awk	awkward construction
cap	capital letters, 187-94
case	case, 195-98
cit	citation form, 54-58, 81-84, 94-95, 118
coh	coherence, 13, 204-06
coord	coordination, 237
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dm	dangling modifier, 241
emph	emphasis, 263-66
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hyph	hyphen, 296-98
id	idiom, 299-300
inc	incomplete comparison, 303
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jarg	jargon, 325
lc	lowercase letters, 187-94
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mm	misplaced modifier, 354-56
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num	faulty use of numbers, 372-74
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s-v agr	subject-verb agreement, 158-63
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und	underline (italicize), 321-23
usage	usage (Look up particular word)
var	sentence variety, 443-445
vb	verb error, 491-92
w	wordy, 227-31
ww	wrong word, 501 and index
X	obvious error
??	illegible or unclear
¶ or par	new paragraph, 381-88
no ¶	no paragraph needed, 381-88
//	faulty parallelism, 388-89
^	insert (something missing)
#	add space
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[]	brackets, 184, 426
:	colon, 207-10
—	dash, 241-42
...	ellipses point, 260-61
!	exclamation point, 272-73
()	parentheses, 391-92
.	period, 397-98
?	question mark, 421
“”	quotation marks, 421-24
;	semicolon, 437-39
/	slash, 449-50