

Proofmark Explanations

Proofreading Marks	
<i>thesis</i>	Your thesis is weak; strengthen it.
<i>t.s.</i>	Either you have no topic sentence, or you have a weak one.
<i>link</i>	Pink Link: connect your topic sentence directly -- not obliquely -- to your thesis.
<i>text</i>	Add a specific piece of TEXT SUPPORT from the literature
<i>D₂M</i>	Connect the DEVICE you're discussing TO MEANING in the work
<i>QB</i>	Quote bomb; you've just dropped in a quote. Sandwich it between context and commentary.
<i>trans.</i>	Add a transition between ideas.
<i>vague or ?</i>	Vague or unclear; rewrite
<i>awk</i>	Awkward; rewrite (read it out loud to find out why)
<i>combine</i>	Sentences need to be combined for a mature, fluent structure.
<i>rep. or red.</i>	Repeated or redundant; unnecessary; avoid repeating
<i>w.c.</i>	Word choice could be improved, or wrong word used
<i>inf.</i>	Slang or informal; replace or put in quotation marks
<i>passive</i>	Passive voice used. Switch to active voice.
<i>2nd</i>	Use of 2nd person; MAJOR error; this is never acceptable
<i>1st</i>	Incorrect use of 1st person (" <i>I think, feel, believe,</i> " etc.)
<i>R-O</i>	Run-on sentence; a MAJOR error
<i>v.t.</i>	Verb tense problem; use PRESENT tense. When repeated, a MAJOR error
<i>ISA</i>	You're missing a comma after an Introductory Subordinate Adverb Clause
<i>agr.</i>	Agreement problem (subject/verb or pronoun/antecedent)
No ¶ or 	Does not need to be a separate paragraph
¶	New paragraph needed
<i>p⁺ or p⁻</i>	Punctuation problem – either add (+) or delete (-)
<i>S.F.</i>	Sentence fragment
<i>NSW</i>	No Such Word (including "alot")
<i>sp.</i>	Misspelled word
<i>@merica</i>	Capitalization problem. <i>If it's lowercase, you need a cap. If it's capitalized, you need lowercase.</i>
	Something (probably a word) left out; insert it
Not //	Parts are not parallel in structure
	You skipped an extra line between paragraphs. Close the gap.
<i>format</i>	You have a formatting error that makes you look like someone who routinely ignores directions.