

GRAMMAR LOG

Whenever your teacher hands back an essay or draft to you with corrections of your grammar and punctuation errors, use this log to list them. Going back to look at sentences with mistakes in them--pulled out of the context of your paper--will help you to see patterns in your writing. Correcting your errors even after a paper has been graded will help you to avoid making errors as you continue to write for English 255 and afterwards.

You can organize the log however it best suits you, but the main idea is that you record every error by writing the sentence as it was in your paper. Then, look up the type of mistake in a style guide, with the help of a tutor at first; make a note about this. Lastly, rewrite the sentence correctly. You can use the sample on the following page: just keep adding pages as-needed and keep the whole log collected in a binder or folder. Or, you can buy a bound notebook and create columns to record your sentences. If you have more than one error in a sentence, log each error individually and just repeat the sentence.

You can begin your log as soon as you get corrected assignments from your teachers in English 255 or other classes. Start a new section of the log with each paper or draft you get back, so that you can track your progress from assignment to assignment. Ask a tutor to help you get started and show you where to find helpful resources like style guides, both in the lab and online.

