WR115: Grammar Diagnostic: Please read through each of the following sentences. Read each sentence carefully, looking for errors in grammar or punctuation. Identify the error using the editing symbols provided below. Finally, if the sentence is incorrect, correct it. Note: The abbreviation in parenthesis is the symbol I’ll be using when I respond to your writing. The page numbers direct you to A Pocket Style Manual discussion of each editing item.

You’ll be looking for the following errors:
- Fragments (frag) pages 42-44
- Run-on sentences (RO) pages 44-47
- Subject-Verb Agreement errors (SV) pages 21-25
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- Apostrophe errors (apos) pages 68-71
- Spelling errors (sp) pages 232-242 (commonly confused words)

Example: Until I realized that I had three full weeks to develop my project for the Biology final and my roommate is a biology major. (frag)
Revision: When I realized that I had three full weeks to develop my project for the Biology final and that my roommate is a biology major, I relaxed.

1. Because I worked this summer, I will have additional income for tuition this will allow me to go to school full-time.

2. After all the stress of looking for a new car I found that actually buying the car was a relief.

3. In the eleventh grade, I received a soccer scholarship for summer camp, that was my first summer away from home.

4. If a soccer player disagrees with the referee’s decisions, he or she risks a yellow card.

5. Playing any team sport, such as soccer, give children a sense of belonging, confidence, and physical stamina.

6. The first term in college tests a student’s ability to adapt to life away from home, especially when the student lives off campus.

7. If you’re looking for an apartment in early September, you’ll need to check all the local newspapers.

8. My best friend lived in five apartments when she attended college, she had some difficulty in finding a good roommate even though she cooked great meals for my sisters and me.

9. A really good roommate can make the difference between a happy life and one filled with stress. Which involves more than having someone to pay the rent.

10. When Paul opened the letter and discovered that his cousins had sent him their new address in Hawaii.

11. A college with several financial aid resources give students chances to apply for more scholarships, often directly related to its programs.
12. Ramon, who was always available whenever I needed someone to talk to.

13. People who are concerned about cholesterol try to eat less fat, avoid red meat, and cut down on using sugar.

14. Shifting to a healthier diet is often very difficult, but the advantages are remarkable.

15. Ten years from now, all medical records will be computerized.

16. After working hard all day Jokasta decided to spend an evening at the zoo.

17. Her friends said that she defiantly deserved a break.

18. John continued to hike past the “No Trespassing” sign, his grandparents lived on this land 50 years ago.

19. It’s said that voters, not politicians, should decide public issues; that is the heart of a democracy.

20. Some people believe that we deserve the best government, and the best representatives that we can imagine.

21. A child should not go to bed hungry or fearful; every child deserves to have a sense of security, unconditional love, and a good education.

22. Both Esperanza Vera and Kiki Davis are good candidates for the job but she has the lead.

23. Perhaps Vera is leading because she is bilengual.

24. After a short overview, the loan office suggested that I except the terms of the loan.

25. One of the differences between being single and having a family are a sense of financial responsibility.

26. Now that I’ve registered for classes that require essay writing, I realize that I should of brought my sister’s computer with me to college.

27. Computer labs are available on campus each lab is equipped with 25 computers.

28. The writing assistant collaborated with the writing instructor, and he offered extra credit for the additional revision work.

29. There are many resources on campus to help all students succeed.

30. Copy editing is serious work.