## **INTO<sup>®</sup> GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY CODED ERROR FEEDBACK & STYLE CHART**<sup>1</sup>

	ERROR EXAMPLE	CORRECTION EXAMPLE	SYMBOL	EXPLANATION	REFERENCE
1	He was a very diligence student.	He was a very diligent student.	WF	Incorrect word form (usually noun including gerunds & infinitives adjective or adverb problems).	Hacker G4, M1-f, M5-b
2	art The climber slowly ascended to top.	The climber slowly ascended to the top.	art	Incorrect or missing article.	Hacker M2
3	S/V agr She think he will win the race.	She thinks he will win the race.	s/v agr	Incorrect subject-verb agreement	Hacker G1, G2-c
4	pron agr Everyone works hard at their jobs.	All employees work hard at their jobs.	pron agr	Pronoun does not agree with antecedent	Hacker G3a
5	ડ/Pl He bought five apple with the money.	He bought five apples with the money.	S/PI	Problem with the singular or plural form of a noun.	Hacker M2
6	C/NC She breathed in the fresh airs.	She breathed in the fresh air.	C/NC	Count noun used incorrectly as non-count noun or vise-versa.	Hacker M2-c & d
7	VT Yesterday she drives to New York.	Yesterday she drove to New York	VT	Incorrect verb tense	Hacker G2-f
8	$\vee \mp$ He was eat pizza at the party.	He was eating pizza at the party.	VF	Verb incorrectly formed	Hacker G2
9	Voice My brother was being tease.	My brother was being teased.	voice	Active/passive voice (verb) problem	Hacker M1b, W3
10	۳۶۴ He is always studying in 2:00 am.	He is always studying at 2:00am.	prep	Incorrect or missing preposition.	Hacker M5

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *Writing Clearly: Responding to ESL Compositions*, (Lane & Lange, 1993); Ferris & Roberts (2001), Writing *Academic English*, Level 4, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. (2006) Pearson Longman, pp. 300-302, and Ho (2004), *Using Error Codes to Help Error Correction* <<u>http://www.cityu.edu.hk/en/research/ho.pdf</u>>; Hacker references are for *A Writer's Reference, With Resources for Multilingual Writers and ESL*, 7th ed. (Hacker, 2009).

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11	SP She is exceptional at mathomatics.	She is exceptional at mathematics.	SP	Spelling error	Hacker P-7
12	WC He typed the paper on his calculator.	He typed his paper on his computer.	wc	Wrong word choice.	Hacker W1-6 <u>http://gsrc.ucla.edu/g</u> <u>wc/resources/esl-</u> <u>resources.html#Websi</u> <u>tesCollocations</u>
13	Inform / tone Well, I'd kinda like the job.	I would like to apply for the position.	inform or tone	Incorrect tone	Hacker W4-d
14	non-ídíom The new student felt like a fish in the air.	The new student felt like a fish out of water.	non- idiom	Not expressed this way in English.	Hacker W5-d
15	WO She ran two times the marathon.	She ran the marathon two times.	WO and/or	Word order is incorrect.	http://linguapress.co m/grammar/word- order.htm http://www.englisch- hilfen.de/en/words/w ord_order.htm
16	The moon it is bright.	The moon is bright.	ىو	Unnecessary word(s).	Hacker S2
17	After class did all my homework.	After class I did all my homework.	^	Insert missing word/letter, including conjunctions and transitions	Hacker S2
18	He discovered that buying and maintaining a house was more expensive than to pay rent for an apartment.	He discovered that buying and maintaining a house was more expensive than paying rent for an apartment.	//	Not parallel structure.	Hacker S1

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19	The tips are good, [and all the employees share them].	The tips, which are the employees share, are good.	[]	Subordination suggested	Hacker B3, S6-a
20	unclear The desk (walked to eat after door).	(requires clarification)	unclear	Unclear message; cannot determine meaning from what is written.	https://www.myunion. edu/academics/academ ic-services/writing- center-2/symptom- tracker/problems-with- unclear-sentences/
21	awk My family has one brother and one sister.	I have one brother and one sister.	awk	Message is understandable but awkward.	Hacker W2-b
22	then mr. johnson came home.	Then Mr. Johnson came home.		Capitalization error - capitalized letters needed.	Hacker M3
23	P P She said I am so happy.	She said, "I am so happy!"	Ρ	Punctuation incorrect or missing	Hacker P1-7
24	FRAG Because he overslept an hour.	Because he overslept an hour, he was late to class.	FRAG	A complete sentence requires at least 1 independent clause	Hacker G5
25	RO He bought the pizza they ate it.	He bought pizza, but they ate it.	RO	Run-on 2 independent clauses incorrectly joined	Hacker G6
26	The author is persuasive, she made me think a lot.	The author is persuasive; she made me think a lot.	CS	Comma splice Incorrect use of comma (cannot connect 2 independent clauses by itself).	Hacker G6 & P1-2

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Light green = word choice

Light orange = unit (intra and inter) errors