

Correction Log

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Directions

- ❑ In the left column, paste in the original sentence with the error.
- ❑ In the middle column, type in the rule from SMG that applies to that error (of course, if you have the same error many times, you may cut and paste this rule in).
- ❑ In the right column, type out THE ENTIRE SENTENCE and put the CORRECTED AREAS in BOLD. In general, if you are inserting a punctuation mark as a correction. You will find it most helpful to put the word before and after the punctuation mark in bold. Note that I have put corrections in bold and blue. This makes them even easier to see.
- ❑ Feel free to completely revise the sentence—put it into an entirely new shape, change words, whatever you need to do to make the sentence better. In those cases, you may find it a bit more difficult to put one specific location for a correction in bold. Use your discretion; put more sections in bold or put the whole thing in bold.

Here are a few sample entries, You can use this same table by simply adding rows to it and resaving the file under your own name. Contact me if you need help with this.

Original Sentence	SMG Rule to Apply	Corrected Sentence
Since starting high school he had started doing things that were more questionable, but it was all relatively minor or so I told myself p1a, p1b .	P1a: Add a comma between independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction. P1b: Place a comma after an introductory word, phrase, or clause.	Since starting high school, he had started doing things that were more questionable, but it was all relatively minor, or so I told myself.
It was around this time that I finally began to make new friends, I had always been a quite person with few friends but I was making an attempt to get to know more people, and was having some success s1, p1a, p2a	S1: In a comma splice, two independent clauses are improperly joined by a comma. Turn the independent clauses into separate sentences. [<i>One of six possible ways to change the sentence. I use a different technique in the next example, and I identify that technique in the “rule to apply” section.</i>] P1a: Add a comma between independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction. P2a: Omit the comma when items in a pair joined by and or another coordinating conjunction are not independent clauses.	It was around this time that I finally began to make new friends. I had always been a quite person with few friends, but I was making an attempt to get to know more people and was having some success
Several weeks passed and the incident faded into a distant memory, the semester ended and I changed math classes s1, p1a .	S1: In a comma splice, two independent clauses are improperly joined by a comma. Add a subordinating conjunction to one of the clauses, rewording as necessary. P1a: Add a comma between independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction.	After several weeks had passed, the incident faded into a distant memory, the semester ended, and I changed math classes.

Add your own rows to this table to create your own Correction Log.