

Major Usage Errors Quiz I

Indicate in the blank the correct abbreviation for the error in each sentence, and then correct the error as simply as possible.

CS – Comma splice

FS – Fused/run-on sentence

S/V – Subject/verb disagreement

P/A – Pronoun/antecedent disagreement

FRAG – Fragment

SS – Sentence structure

- ___ 1. It is not necessary to write an award-winning first draft, what is important is to explore a topic.
- ___ 2. The largest state is Alaska, it is over twice the size of Texas.
- ___ 3. Each of the backpacks sit in the foyer of the meeting hall.
- ___ 4. When I noticed that the insects had demolished Mrs. Madison's beautiful garden.
- ___ 5. All of Shakespeare's plays from *The Tempest* to *Macbeth* captures the spirit of human existence.
- ___ 6. I will study for a few hours tonight then I will get up early and quiz myself.
- ___ 7. When I began working with computers, I felt overwhelmed, frustrated, and not knowing what to do next.
- ___ 8. If anyone wants to go to the beach with me, they can call me tonight.
- ___ 9. Some of the more serious complaints about the product needs investigation.
- ___ 10. Where does the shovel and rake belong?
- ___ 11. The manager angrily stormed out of the office, he later was sorry for his behavior.
- ___ 12. We chased the deer from the garden the animal easily jumped the chain-link fence, disappearing into the bush.
- ___ 13. Neither the cow nor the calf were found, causing great concern to the rancher.
- ___ 14. Tom firmly held the protesting dog. Struggling to avoid being doused in the bath water.
- ___ 15. Although the mother and her baby were to come home from the hospital.