### What the marks on your paper mean

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<th>Straight line check mark (Grammar and usage)</th>
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<td>Sentence fragment</td>
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<td>Improper use of commas.</td>
<td>Ambiguous. Your statement is open to multiple interpretations.</td>
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<td>Disagreement between the subject and verb.</td>
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gp: good point