



MAJOR GRAMMATICAL & PUNCTUATION ERRORS

Here is a reminder of the English Department policy regarding major grammatical and punctuation errors in English 1A.

The English Department requires that a passing paper in English 1A have no more than **five** major errors per double-spaced page. A paper with more than five major errors per page will not earn a passing grade. If a student brings a draft to class and submits the paper on the due date, then the student will have the opportunity to revise the paper and resubmit it with the original paper.

Examples of major errors:

- Subject-verb agreement
- Pronoun agreement
- Pronoun reference
- Verb tense
- Singular / plural verb forms
- Awkward syntax
- Comma splice
- Fragment
- Run-on sentence
- Mixed construction

Use the Handbook in *The St. Martin's Guide to Writing 10th edition* (page 786) for explanations of each type of error, examples, and exercises.