



## EDITING EXAMPLES--Errors and Corrections

### *Punctuation/Capitalization*

Original:

⊗ My favorite qualities are: honesty, determination, and commitment.

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👍 My favorite qualities are honesty, determination, and commitment.

### *Using the Underline*

UNDERLINE names of television shows, movies, magazines, newspapers, books to distinguish them from common use.

👍 The T.V. show Seinfeld is my favorite because Seinfeld is so funny when he is with Kramer.

### *Reason is because*

Original:

⊗ The first reason that this is my favorite movie is because it has a lot of action.

👍 ~~The first reason that~~ This is my favorite movie is because it has a lot of action.

👍 The first reason that this is my favorite movie is **because** it has a lot of action.

⊗ One of the reasons this is my favorite activity is because I get to spend quality time with my students.

👍 **One of the reasons** This is my favorite activity is because I get to spend quality time with my students.

OR

👍 One of the reasons this is my favorite activity is **because** I get to spend quality time with my students.

*Comma splice and run-on sentence errors*

⊗ I don't get to spend as much time with him as I would like, playing cars gives me the opportunity to play with him and spend as much time with him as I would like.

⊗ She's in gymnastics, she's really good and flexible.

⊗ Towards the back of the magazine, there is a section called member stories, here people can write in telling about their outdoor experience and the equipment they used on their outdoor adventures.

⊗ The ones about heroes, for example, have real substance ⊗ one of my favorites was about a border patrol officer in Mexico.

⊗ The cinemas are connected to the mall, it is very convenient for the shoppers.

*Sentence Fragments*

Original:

⊗ I really like doing things in the winter. Like snow skiing, sledding, and snowman building.

👍 I really like doing things in the winter like snow skiing, sledding, and snowman building.

⊗ Instead of staying home and feeling guilty. I can get in my car and go to the gym.

👍 Instead of staying home and feeling guilty, I can get in my car and go to the gym.

⊗ I always enjoy the weekends throughout the year. Especially during the summer when the air is warm and fresh.

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⊗ Premium sound with a CD player; if it's going to look good, it must

sound good.

👍 **The car must have** premium sound with a CD player; if it's going to look good, it must sound good.

⊖ An SUV has plenty of spacious room for children and all of the things they bring along. Enough room for camping gear in the summer and band equipment during the school year.

👍 An SUV has plenty of spacious room for children and all of the things they bring along **with** enough room for camping gear in the summer and band equipment during the school year.