

## Writing Center Diagnostic Resource Guide (English 450)

### Higher Order Concerns

#### Thesis

##### Supplemental Instruction

- ❑ Writing Center Directed Learning Activity—**The Thesis Statement** (available at the check-in area)
- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Thesis Statements** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)
- ❑ Writing Center Study Group—**Thesis Statements** (Talk with your classroom instructor to schedule a study group.)

##### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

##### Independent Learning

- ❑ The Writer's Web, University of Richmond <http://writing2.richmond.edu/writing/wweb/thesis.html>
- ❑ Thesis Builder and Online Outliner <http://www.ozline.com/electraguide/thesis.html>
- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**The Thesis**

#### Paragraphs

##### Supplemental Instruction

- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Developing Paragraphs** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)
- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Introductions and Conclusions** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)
- ❑ Writing Center Study Group—**Making and Supporting Claims** (Talk with your classroom instructor to schedule a study group.)

##### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

##### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Paragraphs and Topic Sentences**

#### Essay Format and Structure

##### Supplemental Instruction

- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**The Writing Process** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)
- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Organization and Structure** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)
- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Test Preparation: In-Class Writing Strategies** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)
- ❑ Writing Center Study Group—**Global Revision** (Talk with your classroom instructor to schedule a study group.)

##### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

##### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**The Essay—A Nature Lover's Paradise**

## Outlining

### Supplemental Instruction

- ❑ Writing Center Directed Learning Activity—**Time Management and the Writing Process** (available at the check-in area)
- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Pre-Writing and Invention Techniques** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)
- ❑ Writing Center Workshop – **Organization and Structure** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)
- ❑ Writing Center Study Group—**Global Revision** (Talk with your classroom instructor to schedule a study group.)

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Outlining the Essay**

## Informal Vs. Formal Tone

### Supplemental Instruction

- ❑ Writing Center Directed Learning Activity—**Purpose, Audience, and Tone** (available at the check-in area)
- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Purpose, Audience, and Tone** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)
- ❑ Writing Center Study Group—**Purpose and Audience** (Talk with your classroom instructor to schedule a study group.)

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Informal Vs. Formal Tone**

## Lower Order Concerns

## Run-ons or Fused Sentences

### Supplemental Instruction

- ❑ Writing Center Directed Learning Activity—**Run-ons** (available at the check-in area)
- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Run-ons and Fragments** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Run-on Sentences**
- ❑ Grammar Bytes—Comma Splices and Fused Sentences

<http://www.chompchomp.com/exercises.htm> (Exercises)

<http://chompchomp.com/csfs01/csfs01.htm> (Exercise 1)

<http://chompchomp.com/csfs02/csfs02.htm> (Exercise 2)

<http://chompchomp.com/csfs03/csfs03.htm> (Exercise 3)

<http://chompchomp.com/csfs04/csfs04.htm> (Exercise 4)

<http://chompchomp.com/csfs05/csfs05.htm> (Exercise 5)

## Fragments

### Supplemental Instruction

- ❑ Writing Center Directed Learning Activity—**Fragments** (available at the check-in area)
- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Run-ons and Fragments** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Fragments**
- ❑ Purdue Online Writing Lab—Sentence Fragments [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_frag.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_frag.html)  
[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_fragEX1.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_fragEX1.html)                      [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_fragEX3.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_fragEX3.html)  
[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_fragEX2.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_fragEX2.html)

## Verb Tense Shift

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Verb Tense Shift**
- ❑ Guide to Grammar and Writing—Tense Consistency <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/consistency.htm>  
<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/chute.htm> (Verb Tense Consistency)  
[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz.pl/consistency\\_quiz.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz.pl/consistency_quiz.htm) (Pronoun & Tense)
- ❑ The Purdue Online Writing Lab [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_tensec.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_tensec.html)  
[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_tensecEX1.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_tensecEX1.html) (Tense Consistency)

## Subject-Verb Agreement

### Supplemental Instruction

- ❑ Writing Center Directed Learning Activity—**Subject-Verb Agreement** (available at the check-in area)

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Subject-Verb Agreement**
- ❑ The Purdue Online Writing Lab <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/esl/eslsubverb.html>  
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/esl/eslsubverbEX1.html>

## **Pronoun Reference**

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Pronoun Reference**
- ❑ The Guide to Grammar and Writing <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/pronouns.htm>  
[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz.pl/pronoun\\_quiz.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz.pl/pronoun_quiz.htm)  
[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/pron2\\_quiz.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/pron2_quiz.htm)  
[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/which\\_quiz.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/which_quiz.htm)  
[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz.pl/who\\_quiz.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz.pl/who_quiz.htm)  
[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/who2\\_quiz.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/who2_quiz.htm)

## **Commas—with Introductions, Series, Non-Restrictive Clauses**

### Supplemental Instruction

- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Punctuation: Commas, Semicolons, and Colons** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Commas**
- ❑ The Guide to Grammar and Writing <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/commas.htm>  
<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/nova/nova2.htm> (Commas with Introductions)  
<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/nova/nova1.htm> (Commas and Conjunctions)  
[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/commas\\_fillin.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/commas_fillin.htm) (Comma Fill-In)  
[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/comma\\_quiz.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/comma_quiz.htm) (Comma Usage)
- ❑ The Purdue Online Writing Lab  
[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_commaint.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_commaint.html) (Commas after Introductions)  
[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_commaintEX1.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_commaintEX1.html) (Exercise)  
[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_commaess.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_commaess.html) (Commas with Non-Essential Elements)  
[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g\\_commaessEX1.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g_commaessEX1.html) (Exercise 1)  
[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g\\_commaessEX2.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g_commaessEX2.html) (Exercise 2)  
[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g\\_commaessEX3.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g_commaessEX3.html) (Exercise 3)

## **Appositives**

### Supplemental Instruction

- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Sentence Variety** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Appositives**
- ❑ The Purdue Online Writing Lab [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_appos.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_appos.html)

## **Apostrophes—Contractions and Possessives**

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Possessives and Plurals**
- ❑ The Guide to Grammar and Writing
  - <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/marks/apostrophe.htm> (Apostrophes)
  - [http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/apostrophe\\_quiz2.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/apostrophe_quiz2.htm)
  - <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/possessives.htm> (Possessive Forms)
  - [http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/par\\_numberless\\_quiz.pl/plurals\\_quiz.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/par_numberless_quiz.pl/plurals_quiz.htm)
- ❑ The Purdue Online Lab
  - [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_apost.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_apost.html) (The Apostrophe)
  - [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g\\_apostEX1.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g_apostEX1.html) (Exercise 1)
  - [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g\\_apostEX2.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g_apostEX2.html) (Exercise 2)

## **Quotation Marks**

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Quotation Marks**
- ❑ The Guide to Grammar and Writing <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/marks/quotation.htm>
  - [http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/quotes\\_quiz.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/quotes_quiz.htm)
- ❑ The Purdue Online Writing Lab [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_quote.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_quote.html)
  - [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_quoteEX1.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_quoteEX1.html)

## **Parallelism**

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

- ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Parallelism**
- ❑ The Guide to Grammar and Writing—Parallel Form <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/parallelism.htm>
  - [http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz.pl/parallelism\\_quiz.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz.pl/parallelism_quiz.htm) (Quiz 1)
  - [http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/parallelism2\\_quiz.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/parallelism2_quiz.htm) (Quiz 2)

## Spelling

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

#### ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Spelling Tips**

- ❑ The Guide to Grammar and Writing—Rules and Suggestions <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/spelling.htm>

[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling\\_quiz1.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling_quiz1.htm)

[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling\\_quiz2.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling_quiz2.htm)

[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling\\_quiz3.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling_quiz3.htm)

[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling\\_quiz4.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling_quiz4.htm)

[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling\\_quiz5.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling_quiz5.htm)

[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling\\_quiz6.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling_quiz6.htm)

[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling\\_quiz7.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz20.pl/spelling_quiz7.htm)

- ❑ The Purdue Online Writing Lab—<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/index.html> (Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_spelhomo.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_spelhomo.html) (Homonyms)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g\\_spelhomoEX1.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g_spelhomoEX1.html) (Practice)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_spelprob.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_spelprob.html) (Accept/Except and Affect/Effect)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g\\_affecteffect.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g_affecteffect.html) (Practice)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_spelie.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_spelie.html) (IE/EI)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g\\_spelieEX1.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g_spelieEX1.html) (Exercise 1)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g\\_spelieEX2.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g_spelieEX2.html) (Exercise 2)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g\\_spelieEX3.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g_spelieEX3.html) (Exercise 3)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g\\_spelieEX4.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/interact/g_spelieEX4.html) (Exercise 4)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_spelible.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_spelible.html) (-ible vs. -able)

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g\\_spelibleEX1.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_spelibleEX1.html) (Practice)

## Sexist Language

### Supplemental Instruction

- ❑ Writing Center Directed Learning Activity—**Purpose, Audience, and Tone** (available at the check-in area)

- ❑ Writing Center Workshop—**Purpose, Audience, and Tone** (See workshop schedule for dates and times.)

### Tutoring

- ❑ Schedule a 30-minute appointment for a general overview of this concept or assistance in this area for a specific assignment.

### Independent Learning

#### ❑ Writing Center Handout—**Sexist Language**

- ❑ The Guide to Grammar and Writing <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/unbiased.htm>

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quizzes/nova/nova6.htm>

## Learning Styles

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