

The Sentence Repair Cheat Sheet

Twenty fixes that win back marks in every paper

SENTENCES THAT STOP TOO EARLY

Because the bus was late.	I was late because the bus was late.
Running to catch the train.	I was running to catch the train.
Which is why nobody came.	That is why nobody came.

TWO SENTENCES JOINED BY A COMMA

It rained, we stayed indoors.	It rained, so we stayed indoors.
She tried hard, she did not win.	She tried hard, but she did not win.

VERBS THAT DO NOT MATCH

My brother walk to school.	My brother walks to school.
There is many people here.	There are many people here.
Each of them were early.	Each of them was early.
The prices has gone up.	The prices have gone up.

VERB SHAPE AFTER SMALL WORDS

I must submitted it today.	I must submit it today.
He did not brought his book.	He did not bring his book.
They have took the wrong one.	They have taken the wrong one.
I look forward to hear from you.	I look forward to hearing from you.

SMALL WORDS

She is good in mathematics.	She is good at mathematics.
We discussed about the plan.	We discussed the plan.
I have waited since two hours.	I have waited for two hours.

JOINING WORDS

Although it was cheap, but it lasted.	Although it was cheap, it lasted.
The bus was late however I arrived.	The bus was late. However, I arrived.

COMPARISONS AND COUNTING

He is more better at this.	He is better at this.
Less students signed up.	Fewer students signed up.

How to use this: do not read it. Take a piece of writing you have already handed in and run one pass per box, looking only for that fault. Most students find eight to fifteen repairs on a single page — marks that were already there.