

Locate the run-on/comma splice sentences in the following paragraph. There are four errors.

Teachers at Stone Mountain College give higher grades than teachers at 12 of the 19 other colleges in the state college system, according to a recent report from the State Institutional Research Committee. This report showed that more than one-third of the undergraduate grades awarded in the spring semester 2005 were A's, only 1.1 percent were F's. The percentage of A's awarded to graduate students was even higher, almost two-thirds were A's. While students may be happy to receive high grades, evidence suggests that this trend is having negative consequences. Investigation of the admissions criteria of some graduate and professional schools indicates that the admissions offices of these schools are discounting high grades on the transcripts of SMSC students, this means that an A from SMSC is not equal to an A from other universities. Grade inflation may, therefore, hurt a student from Stone Mountain State College who intends to apply to a graduate or professional school he or she may not be accepted despite a high grade point average.

Read the following short essay. Put brackets [] around any fragments you find and mark them *Frag*. Then correct the fragments.

Sexism extends even into the area of automobile driving, it seems. Believing that they are far better drivers than women, Men consider women drivers incompetent, inattentive, and even dangerous behind the wheel. However, statistics prove that women are, in fact, safer drivers than men. For example, insurance rates. Insurance rates for women are 20 percent lower than they are for men. Another proof is that more accidents are caused by male drivers between the ages of 18 and 25 than by any other group. Also, the greater percentage of accidents involving deaths caused by men. Although women are criticized for being too cautious. They are really just being safe drivers. The reasons for women drivers' safer driving habits can perhaps be found in the differing attitudes of the sexes toward automobiles. On the one hand, women drivers who regard the automobile as a convenience, Like a washing machine. On the other hand, men regard the automobile as an extension of their egos. Using it as a weapon when they feel particularly aggressive, Or using it as a status symbol. All in all, women are safer drivers. Because of their attitude. Men can learn to become safe drivers. If they adopt the attitude that an automobile is merely a convenience.

Eight of the sentences in the following passage contain a misplaced or dangling modifier. Underline them and rewrite the parts of the sentences that contain the errors so that the intended meanings are clear.

Ted and Linda decided to give their friend Garry a surprise birthday party that he would never forget. Working hard to make everything perfect, their menu was planned weeks in advance. They ordered a beautiful cake from a bakery with thirty-five candles. They bought five flavors of ice cream for the party, which they hid in the freezer. They scattered dozens of colorful balloons around the house, which they filled with helium. Finally, excited and pleased with all they had done, the guests were eagerly awaited. Linda saw people starting to arrive through the window. However, Garry was nowhere in sight. Suddenly, with a gasp, Ted realized that he had forgotten to bring the guest of honor. Rushing off in search of Garry, the party finally started—an hour late. "This party was supposed to only be a surprise for Garry," Ted said to the crowd, "but it turned out to be surprising for us as well."

The passage below has errors of subject-verb agreement, run-ons, fragments, parallelism, dangling & misplaced modifiers and incorrect verbs, which have been underlined. Correct them

My best friend, Chelsea has always been my best companion since I was nine years old. Before I met her, I had alienated myself from the society due to my family conflicts. I couldn't sleep, eat or did not function properly either. When my father realized the gravity of my situation, he thought of buying me a companion. My dad and I was on terms that I get to choose the companion, not him. On one spring afternoon, we drove to an unfamiliar house a short distance. Right when we rang the doorbell, I heard dogs barking. The door be answered by a couple and they greeted us as they let my father and I inside, I see three little Yorkshire terriers running around; they had long brown silky hair with a bright red bow on top of their heads. The couple were very nice and brought out three small puppies from the rooms. One of the puppies was darker than the others. While the others were golden. None of the other puppies were as appealing to me as the darker one. My father, on the other hand, tried to convince me to get the more golden haired pup. Finally, I ended up home with me that same afternoon taking the lighter one. As soon as I arrived home I started to play with her in my room; this continued every day. This new puppy was everything I needed to lift up my hopes, spirits, and future which eventually was named Chelsea. To this day, I'll always remember the year 1999 as the best year in my life. However, when I look back, I'll just remember summer afternoons strolling around my neighborhood with my best friend and enjoyed the views around.

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