

Collegiate Grammar Cheat Sheet

Items	Use
Semi-Colons	<p>There is a noun and verb on each side of the semi-colon <i>Make an appointment at the University Writing Center; <u>they will help you.</u></i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>You are listing items with commas <i>The Pirates have played in <u>Atlanta, GA; Charleston, SC; and Miami, FL.</u></i></p>
Colons	<p>To introduce a direct quote of 3 lines or more <i>The mission statement can tell you a lot about the UWC : <u>The UWC is open and available to students, faculty, and staff to work with trained undergraduate and graduate writing consultants on writing at any stage of the writing process. Writers tend to benefit from having some idea of what they would like to discuss and work on in their writing consultation. For example, writers can consider various aspects of their writing assignment or where they are in their writing process for discussion during the session.</u></i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>To denote a list of 3 items or more <i>Bring the following items to your UWC appointment: <u>a printed copy of your assignment, a pencil, and a smile.</u></i> <i>There are three things that make a great writer: <u>1) practice, 2) revision, and 3) confidence.</u></i></p>
Appositives	<p>A noun or pronoun set beside another noun or pronoun to modify it <i>Our slogan "<u>Write where you belong</u>" lets students know that everyone is part of the writing community.</i> <i>Petey the Pirate, <u>our mascot</u>, loves coming to the writing center.</i> <i>The best place to go for help with every step of the writing process, <u>the writing center</u> is located in Joyner Library.</i></p>
Pronouns	<p>A replacement for nouns (the noun that the pronoun refers to must be identified before you can use a pronoun) <i>The <u>peer</u> tutors at the writing center are very helpful.</i> <i><u>They</u> really care about your writing!</i></p>
Possessives	<p>To denote ownership or possession <i>Petey brought <u>his</u> assignment to the peer tutors at the writing center for <u>their</u> help.</i> <i><u>Petey's</u> writing was superb!</i></p>