

Proofreader's Marks Cheat Sheet

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Introduction

List of standard proofreader's marks used to indicate and correct problems in a text. Marks come in two varieties, abbreviations and abstract symbols. These are usually handwritten on the paper containing the text. Symbols are interleaved in the text, while abbreviations may be placed in a margin with an arrow pointing to the problematic text. Note that different languages use different proofreading marks and sometimes publishers have their own in-house proofreading marks

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_proofreader%27s_marks

Abbreviations				
Abbrevation	Meaning	Use		
sp	Spelling	Used to indicate misspelling		
sp	Spell out	Used to indicate misspelling		
stet	Let it stand	Indicates that proofreading marks should be ignored and the copy unchanged		
fl	Flush left	Align text flush with left margin		
fr	Flush right	Align text flush with right margin		
eq#	Equalize spacing			
Is	Adjust letterspacing	Adjust letterspacing		
ital	Put in italics	Put in italics		
rom	Put in Roman (non-italic) font	Put in Roman (non-italic) font		
bf	Put in boldface	Put in boldface		
lc	Lower case	Put text in lower case		
caps	Put text in capital case	Put text in capital case		
SC	Small caps	Put text in small caps		
wf	Wrong font	Put text in correct font		
wc/ww	word choice/wrong wor	Incorrect or awkward word choice		
hr#	nsert hair space			

Symbols				
Name	Image	Meaning		
Dele		Delete		
Pilcrow (Unicode U+00B6)	¶	Begin new paragraph		
Caret	^/V	Insert		
	#	Insert space		
Close up (Unicode U+2050)	$\widehat{}$	Tie words together, eliminating a space		
][Center text		
]	Move text right		
	[Move text left		
	M	Insert em dash		
	Ŋ	Insert en dash		



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