

The circles are the numbers mean I would count these wrong later in the semester. The line through the number means that sentence was counted incorrect.

Quiz errors

1. Don't put periods at the ends of definitions. They are not sentences.
2. You need EXACT definitions, or they will be counted wrong. You can get away with a close definition once on a quiz, but not more than that.
3. If I can't read it, it is wrong. You can't come to me later and complain. Write so I can read it.
4. STUDY!
5. Spell everything correctly.

Sentence errors

1. Spell out all the words (*gonna, cause, cuz*). Don't use the symbols for *and, without, because*, etc. This isn't a text message; it's a grade.
2. Use the vocabulary word correctly in the sentence.
3. Only one vocabulary word in each sentence. Underline the vocabulary word.
4. If I can't read it, it is wrong. You can't come to me later and complain. Write so I can read it.
5. If I can't see the punctuation marks, your sentence will be counted wrong.
6. Do not write in 1st or 2nd person. Use no 1st or 2nd person pronouns.
7. When writing your sentences, watch the scratch outs. Multiple scratch outs tell me that it's not important enough to you to THINK before you write. Also, don't cover the page with write out.
8. Do not write run on sentences or fragments.
9. Spell everything correctly.
10. subjects and verbs must agree
11. Do not put random words in quotation marks
12. Each vocabulary sentence must begin with a different word. Follow the N2SSWTSW rule.
13. Use commas correctly.
14. commas after an introductory prepositional phrase must contain at least four words
15. There is no comma before the word *because*. *People are selfless because they help others.*
16. Use *who* and *that* correctly. *Who* is used with people; *that* is used with everything else.

17. Watch your pronoun reference and pronoun agreement. *Everyone dreams of his (not their) own utopia.*
18. Punctuate titles correctly. Books, movies, and TV shows are underlined.
19. Follow the capitalization rules. If I can't tell it's capitalized, it is wrong.
20. Write in complete and meaningful sentences. Sentences should have at least 8 words in them.
21. Use apostrophes correctly.
22. Don't use apostrophes in dates unless they are possessive (*during the 1980s, 70s,*)
23. use semicolons correctly
24. *A lot* is two words, not one.
25. Do not use dead words in your sentences. (all forms of *you, get, a lot, stuff, just, things*)
26. *Kids* are goats, not small children.
27. Avoid colloquial expressions, clichés, and slang (*get in the way, around the corner, messing with, to speak their minds, rolling in dough, if he had a dime, never has a second thought*).
28. Use *its* and *it's* correctly.
29. Use *their, there,* and *they're* correctly.
30. Proofread your work. Some of you are leaving out parts of the sentences or leaving out the ends of words.
31. **DO YOUR HOMEWORK AND TURN IT IN.** You don't want to fail the class because you don't turn in your work.

Write your sentences AT HOME. When you write your sentences in class (on the due date), I will count them as late and take off points (lots of points).