

Chapter 7 Icon 7.3

A Checklist for Avoiding Common Sentence and Grammar Errors

- Have you identified and corrected fragments?
- Have you identified and corrected comma splices and fused sentences?
- Have you corrected misplaced or dangling modifiers? Watch especially in sentences beginning with an *-ing* phrase that you follow with the noun being modified.
- Have you avoided shifts in person, number, tense, and tone?
- Have you avoided mixed constructions and incomplete sentences?
- Have you checked tense endings? Have you used tenses consistently?
- Have you maintained agreement between subjects and verbs and between pronouns and antecedents?
- Have you used correct pronoun cases? Have you reviewed each use of a pronoun and clarified its reference?
- Have you distinguished properly between adjectives and adverbs? Have you positioned them correctly?