

# Composition Correction Codes

**O**: A circle is the most popular correction; signifies that there is an error in grammar and/or spelling; errors range from subject-verb form agreement, gender and number, subject and adjective agreement; problems with the indicative or subjunctive; problems with tenses; accent marks; all pronouns; adverbs; improper use of problem verbs (*ser, estar, hay, gustar, etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.*).

      : An underlined word signifies a problem in vocabulary (i.e. word choice); most often this is the result of translating an English word or an expression verbatim into Spanish or creating non-existent words (SPANGLISH) with no consideration for the context; inappropriate use of a Spanish word, etc. This also signifies that a more sophisticated or precise word can be used. Proper use of a dictionary can eliminate these errors.

[ ]: Brackets signify a problem with syntax: word order or sentence structure. The intended meaning of the sentence(s) may also be unclear. Therefore, student might consider erasing the sentence or paragraph and starting over.

?: Signifies that the marked text is incomprehensible.

**X**: signifies that the element can be eliminated.

**Λ**: Signifies something is missing.

— | \_\_\_\_: Signifies elements need to be reversed.

**R** is used to indicate repetition.