

Grammar Red Flags

According to [Princeton Review](#), these are Admission Counselors' grammar pet peeves:

1. **Confusing homophone:** its & it's; your & you're; or there, their & they're - [mnemonics](#) and [practice](#)
2. **Run on sentences & fragments:** [helpful handout](#) from UNC
3. **Verb/Noun agreement & verb tense:** SUNY Empire [handout](#)
4. **Singular articles before plural nouns** (like “an alumni”): Butte College [handout](#)
5. **Misusing “me” and “I”:** Chomp Chomp [exercises](#)
6. **Split infinitives:** Grammar Girl [explanation \(and exceptions\)](#)
7. **Ending a sentence with a preposition:** Grammar Girl [explanation](#)
8. **Missing apostrophes:** Chomp Chomp [exercises](#)
9. **Incorrect use of semicolons** (*Tip:* if you're not sure how to use semicolons, avoid them): UMT [handout](#)
10. **Overuse of contractions:** [thoughts](#)
11. **Poor use of the word “got” or “get”** (*Tip:* Don't write “get” when you mean “understand”): Grammar Girl [thoughts](#)
12. **Too many exclamation points:** an interesting [article](#) from *The Atlantic*