

THE STAR TREK WARP SPEED GRAMMAR ERROR CHEAT SHEET

CODE	ERROR	SUB-ERROR	THE GRAMMAR RULE	GRAMMAR ERROR in SENTENCE	CORRECTION
frg	Fragments	Phrase (no subject or verb)	All sentences must have at least one "main clause": 1) have a subject, 2) have a verb, and 3) be independent (not a subordinate clause).	Filled with anticipation and going to see the new Star Trek movie this Friday.	Filled with anticipation, I am going to see the new Star Trek movie this Friday.
		No Subject		Had to pay an exorbitant amount, \$12.50, for just one ticket, and \$25.00 for both of us.	We had to pay an exorbitant amount, \$12.50, for just one ticket, and \$25 for both of us.
		No Verb		The starship Enterprise of the series Star Trek, scene of many exciting adventures and dramatic encounters with unique alien life forms.	The starship Enterprise of the series Star Trek, scene of many exciting adventures and dramatic encounters with unique alien life forms, was one of the most famous TV sets of all time.
		Subordinate clause (subject and verb, but subordinated)		Because the Klingons were rapidly approaching when the crew was being entertained by aliens from the planet Xenon.	Because the Klingons were rapidly approaching when the crew was being entertained by aliens from the planet Xenon, Captain Kirk was caught off-guard.
RO	Run-On	Fused Sentence	Two main clauses (subject and verb) must be separated by: 1) a period, OR 2) a semi-colon, OR 3) a coordinate conjunction, OR 4) a subordinate conjunction.	It was 100 degrees below zero on the Planet Xenon the crew had to wear thermal spacesuits.	It was 100 degrees below zero on the Planet Xenon. The crew had to wear thermal spacesuits. It was 100 degrees below zero on the Planet Xenon; the crew had to wear thermal spacesuits.
		Comma Splice		It was 100 degrees below zero on the Planet Xenon, the crew had to wear thermal spacesuits.	It was 100 degrees below zero on the Planet Xenon, so the crew had to wear thermal spacesuits. Because it was 100 degrees below zero on the Planet Xenon, the crew had to wear thermal spacesuits.
MM	Modifier Error	Misplaced Modifer	A modifying phrase must be closest to the noun it modifies.	Enjoying the beautiful colors, the sun slipped below the horizon. ===== In <i>All Our Yesterdays</i> , when the ship visits a star about to go supernova, the crew learns that the entire population of its inhabited world have escaped into the planet's past. But Kirk accidentally	As we enjoyed the beautiful colors, the sun slipped below the horizon. Enjoying the beautiful colors, we watched the sun slip below the horizon.

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				steps through a time portal, and when Spock and McCoy try to retrieve him, they end up in an even earlier era, where Spock's savage Vulcan past reasserts itself." http://www.treknation.com/episodes/tos/ http://trekguide.com/	
		Dangling Modifier	A modifier must describe words that are actually IN the sentence	Reading Faulkner's short story, "A Rose for Emily," the ending surprised us. When courting Emily, the townspeople gossiped about her.	Having read Faulkner's short story, "A Rose for Emily," we were surprised by the ending. When Emily was courted by Homer Barron, the townspeople gossiped.
SS/FP	Sentence Structure	Faulty Predication	The subject must be able to "do" the predicate.	Walter Conkrite's outstanding characteristic as a newscaster was credible. <i>The Trouble with Tribbles</i> is where a bunch of little furry ball creatures multiply so rapidly they infest the entire ship and nothing can be accomplished.	Walter Conkrite's outstanding characteristic as a newscaster was credibility. <i>The Trouble with Tribbles</i> is an episode in which a bunch of little furry ball creatures multiply so rapidly they infest the entire ship and nothing can be accomplished.
SS/MC		Mixed Construction	The subject must be a noun; the predicate must be a verb.	Because of his cool logic and quiet command makes Captain Picard my favorite of all the series.	His cool logic and quiet command make Captain Picard my favorite of all the series. Captain Picard, with his cool logic and quiet command, is my favorite of all the series.
		Parallelism	A coordinate conjunction (and, but, or, nor, for, so yet) always joins the same (equal) grammatical parts.	Recommended exercises include running, swimming, and to riding on a bicycle.	Recommended exercises include running, swimming, and cycling.
SV	Subject-Verb Agreement	3rd person singular	For regular verbs: Add "s" for 3 rd person	The Klingons invades the planet.	The Klingons invade the planet.

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			singular verbs; no "s" for all other verbs.	The Klingon invade the planet.	The Klingon invades the planet
		Intervening Words	Don't let intervening descriptive words confuse you as to the real subject – ask yourself who or what is doing the action.	Winners of the state contest goes to the national finals. One of the problems are broken equipment.	Winners of the state contest go to the national finals. One of the problems is broken equipment.
		"and"/"or" subjects	"And" unites the subject so it becomes plural. If both nouns that "and" join refer to the same thing, it is still singular. "Or" separates the subject. Choose the noun closest to verb to determine if verb is singular or plural.	The Captain and the officers beams down to the planet. Fish and chips are Scotty's favorite meal. The moon, as well as Venus, are visible in the night sky. The officers or the captain beam down to the planet. The Captain or the officers beams down to the planet.	The Captain and the officers beam down to the planet. Fish and chips is Scotty's favorite meal. The moon, as well as Venus, is visible in the night sky. The officers or the captain beams down to the planet. The Captain or the officers beam down to the planet.
		Collective nouns	When acting as a unit, a collective noun gets a singular verb. When acting as individuals, a collective noun gets a plural verb.	The Enterprise crew are fighting the Klingons. The Enterprise crew is manning their battle stations.	The Enterprise crew is fighting the Klingons. The Enterprise crew are manning their battle stations.
		Titles	Titles with "and" in them are still singular.	Bread and Circuses are a good Star Trek episode.	Bread and Circuses is a good Star Trek episode. Bread and Circuses and The Trouble with Tribbles are my favorite episodes.
		Amounts		Two dollars are in my pocket. A billion dollars are the lottery jackpot.	Two dollars is in my pocket. A billion dollars is the lottery jackpot.
		Linking verbs			

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VS	Shifts	Verb Shift			
PS		Pronoun Shift			
PA	Pronoun Agreement	Pronoun-Antecedent agreement			
		<i>Indefinite pronouns, vague pronouns</i>			
		<i>"who," "which," and "that"</i>			
		<i>"who" or "whom?"</i>			
		<i>"than" or "as," after "-ing"</i>			
	Commas	Between items in a series			
		After introductory phrases or clauses			
		Before coordinate conjunctions			
	Other Punctuation	Semi-Colons			
		Colons			
		Quotation Marks			
		Apostrophes			
		Dashes and hyphens			

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		Parentheses			
		Ellipses			
		Abbreviations and Contractions	Avoid abbreviations and contractions in formal writing.	BTW, Star Trek's 1 st pilot episode didn't feature William Shatner as the captain. The Klingons don't have a chance.	By the way, Star Trek's first pilot episode did not feature William Shatner as the captain. The Klingons <i>do not</i> have a chance.