

PROOFREADING MARKS CHART: COMMONLY USED SYMBOLS & MEANINGS

Symbol inserted in text	Marks inserted in margin	Instruction intended by marks (& examples of the marks in use)
/	None	Correction is concluded The cat sat on the mat ≠/≠/
-----	⊙	STET is also used as a margin mark. Means leave text unchanged. Often a proofreader will make an alteration and then change their mind. They use this mark to indicate that their original mark should be ignored. the cat sat on the mat ----- STET/
Encircle extraneous marks to be removed	X	Removed encircled marks the cat sat on the mat o X/
↳	new matter followed by: ↳	Insert the matter indicated in the margin the cat sat ↳ the mat o↳/
↳	↳A	Insert matter indicated by the letter in the associated diamond. This is used if there is a large amount of text to be inserted - too much to write in the margin. A letter in a diamond is placed within the text and also in the margin. The text to be added can be found either at the foot of the page or on a separate sheet. the cat ↳ ↳A/
/ through character... ...or words	o	Delete the cat sat o on the mat o/
↕ through character... ⊙ ...or words	⊙	Delete and close up the cat sat ⊙ on the mat ⊙/
/ through character... ...or words	New character or words	Substitute character or words with matter in margin the cat sat ↳ on the mat o/

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—	W	Make italic the cat <u>sat</u> on the mat W/
~~~~~	~	Make bold the cat sat on the <u>mat</u> ~/
~~~~~	W	Make bold italic the cat sat on <u>the mat</u> W/
Encircle text to be altered	U	Remove italic style the cat sat on the mat U/
Encircle text to be altered	≠	Remove bold style the cat sat on the mat ≠/
≡	≡	Make upper case ≡ the cat sat on the mat ≡/
Encircle text to be altered	≠	Make lower case o The cat sat on the mat ≠/
=	=	Make small caps THE <u>cat sat on the mat</u> =/
/ mark through character or insertion mark where required	⊙	Substitute or insert full stop or decimal point The cat sat on the mat ↳ ⊙/
/ mark through character or insertion mark where required	⊙	Substitute or insert colon The cat sat on the mat ↳ ⊙/

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/ mark through character or insertion mark where required	;	Substitute or insert semi-colon The cat sat on the mat. ; /
/ mark through character or insertion mark where required	,	Substitute or insert comma The cat sat on the mat. , /
/ mark through character or insertion mark where required	’	Substitute or insert apostrophe It was the cat’s mat. ’ /
/ mark through character or insertion mark where required	‘ and ’	Substitute or insert single quote marks It was the cat’s mat. ‘ ’ /
/ mark through character or insertion mark where required	“ and ”	Substitute or insert double quote marks It was the cat’s mat. “ ” /
/ mark through character or insertion mark where required	-	Substitute or insert hyphen It was a cat’s mat. - /
⌞	⌞	Take over and start new paragraph The cat sat. ⌞ The dog stood. ⌞ /
↪	↪	Run on text (no new paragraph) The cat sat. ↪ The dog stood. ↪ /
↔	↔	Transpose characters or words The sat cat on the mat. ↔ /
⌞	⌞	Indent The cat sat on the mat. ⌞ The dog did not. ⌞ /

Symbol inserted in text	Marks inserted in margin	Instruction intended by marks (& examples of the marks in use)
⌞	⌞	Remove indent The cat sat on the mat. ⌞ The dog did not. ⌞ /
⌞	⌞	The mark extends into the margin and requires no margin symbol Take over character or words to next column (or page) The cat sat on the mat. The dog did not.
⌞	⌞	The mark extends into the margin and requires no margin symbol Take back character or words to previous column (or page) The cat sat on the mat. The dog did not.
⊖	⊖	Close up - delete space between characters The cat sat on the mat. ⊖ /
	∪	Insert space between characters The cat sat on the mat. ∪ /
	∩	Reduce space between characters The cat sat on the mat. ∩ /
∪	∪	Insert space between words The cat sat on the mat. ∪ /
∩	∩	Reduce space between words The cat sat on the mat. ∩ /
∪ or ∩	∪ or ∩	The mark extends into the margin and requires no margin symbol Increase space between lines or paragraphs The cat sat on the mat. The dog did not.
∩ or ∪	∩ or ∪	The mark extends into the margin and requires no margin symbol Reduce space between lines or paragraphs The cat sat on the mat. The dog did not.