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FOUR DEADLY ERRORS of Teaching Writing

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The Tough Questions

What to correct and how to give a grade?

How much help is too much?

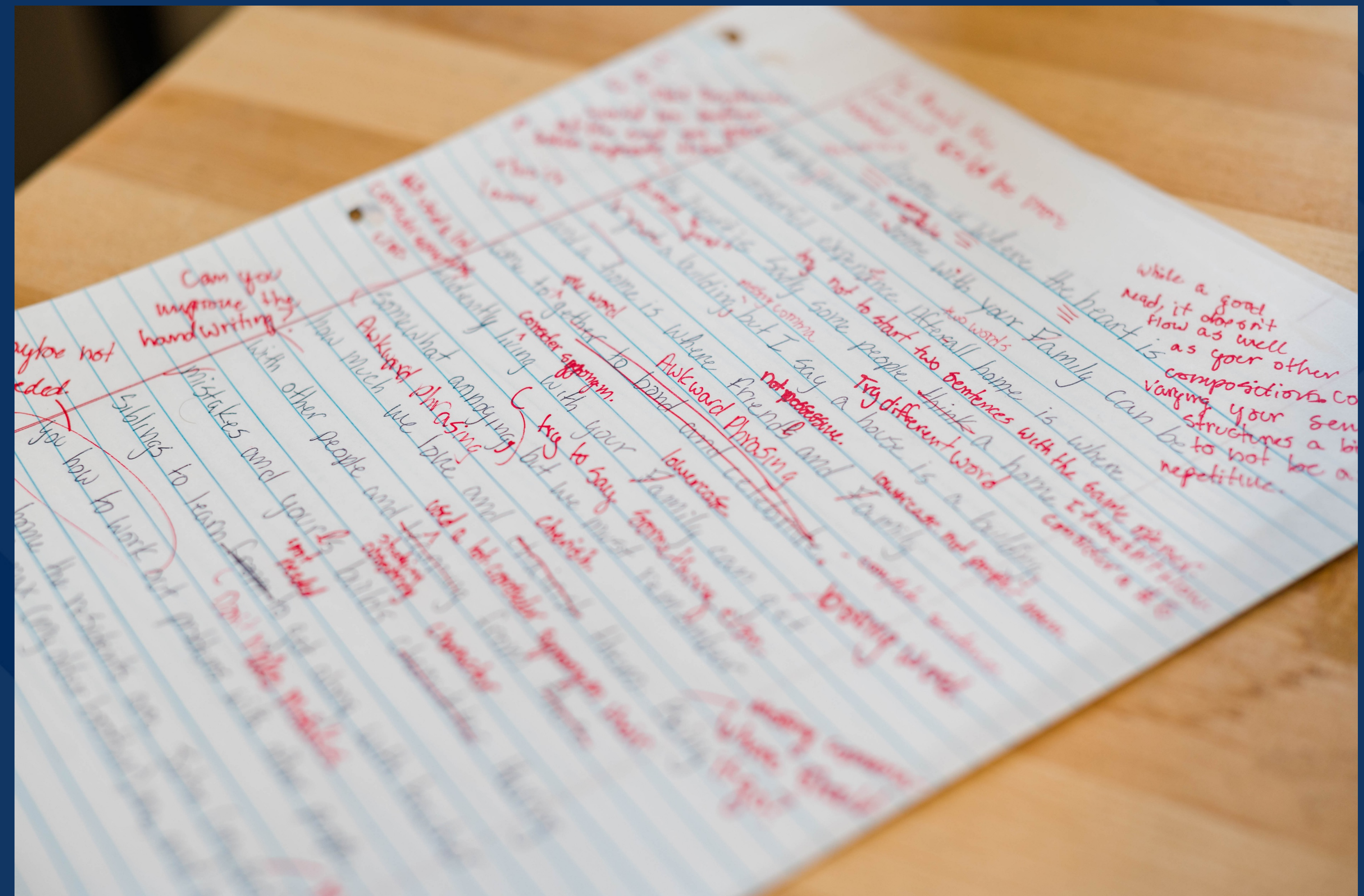
Isn't the assignment clear enough?

Why don't students find their own errors?



#1 Overcorrecting

Perhaps the most common and dangerous mistake





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#2 Withholding Help

Some teachers might think, “It won’t be ‘fair’ if I help too much.”



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#3 Unclear Assignments

Children want to know exactly what is expected of them.



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#4 Over-Expectation

The two causes of over-expectation are the problem of awkwardness and comparison based on age.



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Success motivates.

With practice, repetition, age, maturity, and time, most children will gain confidence and grow to produce work that is well-written, correct, and maybe even neat.





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