# How to Interpret the Comments on Work (Comments may be in Turnitin or on your printed paper.)

The columns are:

* The **left column** (in alphabetical order) shows the words you see written on your paper or in the Grademark version of the comments for available at Turnitin within your Blackboard course.
* The **middle column** provides a Brief Explanation.
* The **right column** shows the number of the Good Habit for Evidence and other resources you must use to understand the Comment. (You will find the Good Habits for Evidence folder and its link by clicking on Learning Modules, then Getting Started, and then the folder for Good Habits for Evidence. The link is at the top of the folder.

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| **Comment** | **Brief Explanation** | **Habit # Plus Other Required Resource(s)** |
| 1 side | Misused the source - Omitted 1 side as though it did not occur. | Habit 2 **and** its link on How to Develop This Good Habit. It is next to embellish and the other misuses of the source. |
| Assumed | Misused the source - Assumed that the author supports what you expect without verifying the fact is in the source. | Habit 2 **and** its link on How to Develop This Good Habit. In the link, look for the word *Assumed.* If you don’t know the word, look at the definitions link in the Good Habits folder. |
| Awk | Awkward language. Misuse of language and misuse of its structures. Glad to explain. | - |
| Changed language | With a quotation, made the author’s sentences look grammatically incorrect.  Tried to use a quotation but changed the author’s words without following the requirements in *The Bedford Handbook* for showing those changes. Those changes made the author's sentences look grammatically incorrect. | Habit 5 and its link on Tips on How to Develop This Habit. See the Brain Trick to avoid this problem. |
| Changed meaning | With a quotation, changed the author’s meaning.  When trying to quote, changed the author’s words without following the requirements in *The Bedford Handbook* for showing those changes. Those changes also changed the author’s meaning. | Habit 5 and its link on Tips on How to Develop This Habit. See the Brain Trick to avoid this problem. |
| Changed words | With a quotation, did not reveal changes.  When trying to quote, did not follow requirements in *The Bedford Handbook* for showing changes to an author’s words. | Habit 5 and its link on Tips on How to Develop This Habit. See the Brain Trick to avoid this problem. |
| Cherry picked | Misused the source - Cherry-picked. Used a fact in the source but it was atypical or specific to one thing but you presented it as typical or universal. | Habit 2 **and** its link on How to Develop This Good Habit. Look for the word *Cherry pick.* In the link, look for the word *Cherry.* If you don’t know the word, look at the definitions link in the Good Habits folder. |
| *Chicago* | Must cite and must use *Chicago Manual of Style* or the brief version of *Chicago* provided in the course. | Habit 3 and *Tips about Chicago*… in the Comparison folder. |
| Citation - inconsistent | Did not cite consistently.  Cited a few facts, but for no apparent reason. Cite every fact. You must cite using *Chicago Manual of Style*. You must both facts in your own words and facts in the author's exact words (a quotation). | Habit 3 and its link on Tips on How to Develop This Habit. |
| Citation - none | Did not cite at all.  You did not cite anything. You must cite using *Chicago Manual of Style*. You must both facts in your own words and facts in the author's exact words (a quotation). | Habit 3 and its link on Tips on How to Develop This Habit. |
| Cite facts | Did not cite a fact that you wrote in your own words.  You must cite using *Chicago Manual of Style*. You must **both** facts in your own words and facts in the author's exact words (a quotation). | Habit 3 and its link on Tips on How to Develop This Habit. |
| Cite quotations | Did not cite a fact in the author’s exact words. You must cite using *Chicago Manual of Style*. You must **both** facts in your own words and facts in the author's exact words (a quotation). | Habits 3 and 4 and their links on Tips on How to Develop This Habit. |
| Cite specific page | Cited a range of pages (such as 95-96 or 13-22). You must cite a **specific** page for each fact used. To do this, use more endnotes. | Habit 3 and its link on Tips on How to Develop This Habit. |
| Embellished | Misused the source - Embellished. Used a fact in the source but modified the fact to do such things as make the words more interesting or dramatic (such as increasing its quantity). | Habit 2 **and** its link on How to Develop This Good Habit. Look for the word *Embellish.* In the link, look for the word *Embellish.* If you don’t know the word, look at the definitions link in the Good Habits folder. |
| Factual error | Misused the source – Wrote inaccurately. | Habit 2 **and** its link on How to Develop This Good Habit. |
| Factual error - applied | Misused the source – Applied a fact inaccurately.  If a question that you have to answer is about something specific (such as a time, type of person, or region), verify that the source is about that specific thing before you use that fact. | Habit 2 **and** its link on How to Develop This Good Habit. |
| H-C | Did “half-copy” plagiarism or “patchwriting.” You just grabbed the author’s words without the required “” to show that the author created those words, and you just moved those words around. | Habit 4 and its link on Tips on How to Develop This Habit. |
| Misread | You really did not pay attention to the source and you misunderstood some things badly. Compare your textbook and your writing word by word. If you do not understand, we must have a conference. I’m marked some examples with the words Misread. | Habits 2 and 3 and their links on Tips on How to Develop This Habit |
| Not all of question | Question – Not all parts of the question.  You did not answer all parts of the question in the Comparison Topic you said you were answering. | Habit 1 **and** its link on How to Develop This Good Habit. Also see the Instructions link. It lists the possible Comparison Topics. |
| Not question | Question – Not one of the listed questions.  You wrote on something other than the possible questions listed for the Comparison Topics. | Habit 1 **and** its link on How to Develop This Good Habit. Also see the Instructions link. It lists the possible Comparison Topics. |
| P. Reading | Did passive reading. This habit leads to misreading and factual errors. | Habit 1 and its link on Tips on How to Develop This Habit. |
| P. Writing | Did passive writing. This habit leads to misreading and factual errors. | Habit 4 and its link on Tips on How to Develop This Habit. |
| Repeated errors> | You did more of this error below but I did not mark each one. If you’d like me to identify them one by one, I am glad to do that. | - |
| Source - incomplete | Source – Used incomplete pages.  You did not use all of the required pages for the question you said you were answering. | Habit 1 **and** its link on How to Develop This Good Habit. Also see the top of the Content link. It lists the required pages for each part of a Comparison Topic. |
| Source - incorrect | Source – Used incorrect pages.  You did not use the required pages for the question you said you were answering. | Habit 1 **and** its link on How to Develop This Good Habit. Also see the top of the Content link. It lists the required pages for each part of a Comparison Topic. |
| Source - unreliable | Source – Used one or more unreliable sources, not the required source. You did not use the required source specified in the syllabus **and** in Good Habits for Evidence. If you are sure it is from the required source, then show me where it is in the source. | Habit 1 **and** its link on How to Develop This Good Habit. Also see the top of the Content link. It lists the required pages for each part of a Comparison Topic. |
| Term wrong | Incorrect meaning of an essential term used in the Comparisons. | Definitions provided in the Comparison folder. Also see the top of the Content link for the Comparison. |

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