

# OOPS

## Order of Priorities for Syntax

Just like the ways in which we, as tutors, separate paper issues into a hierarchy of global and local issues, we can also order the local issues into priorities.

### Clarity

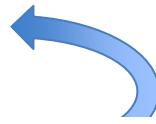
1. Word (verb) choice
2. Passive voice
3. Wordiness/Redundancy
4. Vague pronouns (excessive relative pronouns)
5. Misplaced modifiers

### Grammar

6. Fragments/Run-ons
7. Shift in point-of-view
8. Tense
9. Subject-verb agreement
10. Parallel structure

### Copy-editing

11. Punctuation
12. Capitalization



*Subordinating elements help fix clarity.*

*Clause structure helps fix punctuation.*



### Writing Center Resources

*Varying Sentence Structure: Using Subordinating Elements*  
*Exercises in Sentence Combination*  
*What to do with "AWK": Strategies for Editing*