

# Online Spelling Checkers – which one is best (text transcript)

You have probably seen some of the online spell checkers that are now available and have been around for a while. The most popular ones, as far as I'm aware, are Ginger that's, [gingersoftware.com](http://gingersoftware.com).

Grammarly, [grammarly.com](http://grammarly.com) and the one that's built into Microsoft Word's Editor as well, that's Office 365, Editor in Word Online, and the Word version.

They use Artificial Intelligence to recognize spelling mistakes and grammar mistakes and offer alternatives, as you can see, from the little animation is there, so I thought it would be a good opportunity to see just how good they are.

I'll be using all the free versions.

You can subscribe, but I'll just be using the free versions to see how good they cope with some spelling mistakes.

I've got three different documents, I'll just show you the documents.

They are in 3 different colours, coordinated to help.

So it's the same words.

And here's the one in Word.

You can see.

I've got the spelling mistakes, 16 spell mistakes recognized by Word with the red underline, and I've also highlighted them.

In yellow highlight, where there's maybe some homophones or the word is just spelt wrong, should be quiet instead of quite.

So let's see how well it copes.

I'm using the free ones and let's just go back and this is the one download for Windows and MS Office and same here, Grammarly for Windows you just install them.

And essentially what it does is you can see I've just got a little Add-in here on the ribbon, here's the Add-in for Ginger.

There's the Add-in for Grammarly and there's Editor so Editor you may need to have a look around, but there's a shortcut key F7 to bring up Editor and it brings up the side panel.

With no further ado, let's see how well these do.

The first thing I'm going to do is the Ginger spell checker, so let me bring up that document for the Ginger spell checker.

I'll click onto it and you see what happens is that they work in the side panel.

So Ginger for Microsoft Word, say goodbye to typos, grammar and spelling mistakes, and let's check the document.

You need to be online for this.

And it's already.

Identified document with a few spelling mistakes.

So all I need to do is just click onto these as I'm going through and you can either see, skip or accept, so I'll accept them and they like to go shopping.

So let's see accept that.

Their groceries that's fixed.

It's missed quiet and there, so let's just check again to give it another chance and no mistakes identified.

So interestingly, it hasn't corrected Wednesday, so there's an interesting one that was Ginger missed.

Lets us see how well Grammarly does, so I'll open Grammarly.

Again, it just opens up in the side.

Notice that there's no option for text to speech with these ones.

You've just got to take them as they come and trust that they are right.

This one does it.

It does word by word, so rather than having a paragraph of text or a sentence of text like Ginger, Grammarly goes through it.

Word by word, which I think for me, is a bit easier.

So let's just go through this systematically and check the spelling.

So far so good.

It's identified that one to shopping.

Yeah, well done centre.

Great stuff there.

Let's identify that homophone.

Groceries so so far it's working pretty good.

How about evening and because?

And they OK, so it's missed quiet there.

And there as well, they're shopping, all done.

And it's missed, done.

It's checked the spelling well.

And quiet, brilliant.

It's actually done a really good job.

Obviously, there's an option to try premium, but as I say this is the free version.

The next one I'm going to try now is the Word one, with the Editor built-in.

So let's just pop over to the Word.

Let's see how well it does.

So Editor is up here.

And of course, with words of you, can I just sort of right click and you can hear the word.

So let's just read aloud.

And then you can again just go through each word, but so that's one benefit I would see of having the built-in one.

And let's click on spelling as well.

So it hasn't actually identified the spelling, if I right-click it's not there as well, so it's missed that one.

A few, no, it's missed that one spelling.

Mistakes, let's hear it.

OK, and then let's again just go down and we can read aloud.

Mistakes similar to ours confounds misunderstands.

And we can spell out.

And then change it further.

It's missed out to the shopping center, it's just gone straight to shopping center.

And Wednesday it's got an evening.

Because, surprisingly, no.

So it's yeah it's not performing as well as the other one.

Uhm, yeah, there's a few mistakes.

.OK, that did a pretty good job apart from Wednesday, and there's a couple of other ones there quiet for example and done.

I think it's got more or less everything from what I can see.

I would say Grammarly is probably coming out tops, and for a free version with the Add-in for Word or Outlook and as a Google extension.