WRITING

The following Free or Low-Cost Assistive Technology programs, software, websites, and apps focus on different forms of writing support.

Ginger Grammar Checker & Spell Checker



Features:

- Checks your spelling and grammar and fixes it according to the context of your text in Microsoft Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, Chrome
- Suggests different and better ways to express your sentences (Premium)
- Provides training to improve your mistakes (Premium)
- Reads your text out loud (Premium)
- More Information: <u>Ginger Website</u>
- Cost: Free and paid premium version
- Compatibility: Windows, Mac OS, Android, iOS and Chrome Extension

Grammarly



Features:

- An application that can assist with finding writing mistakes and contextual errors, spelling errors, and poor vocabulary usage
- Find the right word you are looking for with synonym suggestions
- Learn from your mistakes to avoid them in the future
- Grammarly in emails, essays, and more
- More Information: <u>Grammarly Website</u>
- Cost: Free and Premium version
- Compatibility: Chrome Extension; iOS; Android

Hemingway Editor



- Assists with writing clarity, passive voice editing, and readability
- Displays how many words typed
- Available in the web browser and as a desktop application
- More Information: <u>Hemmingway Editor Website</u>
- Cost: Free for web browser and Plus plans also available
- Compatibility: Online Resource

iWordQ



Features

- Context-based word prediction tool; including homonyms
- Make your own custom abbreviation to simply your writing
- Text-to-Speech function allows for you to listen to your writing to hear any mistakes, make changes and catch up as you proofread
- More Information: <u>iWordQ Website</u>
- Cost: \$20.99
- Compatibility: iOS: iPad

LanguageTool



Features:

- Free AI-based grammar and spell checking tool
- Available for more than 25 different languages
- The free version can check up to 10,000 characters
- Style suggestions are available in the premium version
- More Information: <u>LanguageTool Website</u>
- Cost: Free for basic and \$5.83/month for premium version
- Compatibility: Online Resource and Chrome Extension

Microsoft SwiftKey Keyboard



- iPhone or Android keyboard that has the following features: word prediction, accurate autocorrect, and adjusts to users writing styles
- One of the biggest benefits of this keyboard is that is can learn users writing style and even typos to help fix them faster
- Customizable settings for the color/theme of the keyboard
- More Information: <u>Microsoft SwiftKey Website</u>
- Cost: Free with in-app purchases
- Compatibility: Android and iOS

ProWritingAid



Features:

- Writing editor Chrome extension
- Works within websites, emails, Google Docs and other online sources
- With the free version, it scans the first 500 words for various categories in your writing, such as grammar, spell checking, and more
- More Information: <u>ProWritingAid Website</u>
- Cost: Free for limited version or \$10/month for premium version
- Compatibility: Free Chrome, Edge, and Safari Extension; Online Editor; Windows; Mac

QuillBot



- AI paraphrasing, summarizing, and grammar checking writing tool
- Checks for grammar, provides synonyms and rephrases suggestions for up to 125 words at a time
- Includes an AI Detector
- 1200 word limit for the summarizing feature and includes a free word counting tool as well
- More information: **<u>QuillBot Website</u>**
- Cost: Free and premium versions
- Compatibility: Online editor; Chrome Extension; Mac; Microsoft Word

TextExpander



Features:

- Type more with less effort using this custom keyboard shortcut app
- Create custom abbreviations called snippets of frequently used words and phrases for easy, quick entry into your documents and emails
- More Information: <u>TextExpander Website</u>
- Cost: \$3.33/month
- Compatibility: iOS

VDWrite



Features:

- Make fewer mistakes, use the right words and organize your writing better with this app
- Text-to-speech and voice-to-text help you to proofread to avoid awkward sentences or grammatical mistakes
- Dictionary, Phonetic Spell Checker, and Word Finder help you use the correct words when writing
- Outline of paper allows for better structure and ease when restructuring your paper
- More Information: <u>Voice Dream Writer Website</u>
- Cost: \$9.99
- Compatibility: iOS

Writing Challenge



- Offers topic suggestions for writing
- Gamifies writing through daily challenges
- More Information: <u>Writing Challenge Website</u>

- Cost: \$2.99 iOS and \$1.49 Android
- Compatibility: iOS; Mac; Windows; Android; Kindle

Writing Prompts



Features:

- Assist with writer's block
- Offers a variety of writing prompts
- App works on and offline
- More Information: <u>Writing Prompts Website</u>
- Cost: \$1.99
- Compatibility: iOS; Android; Kindle

Written Kitten

written? Kitten!

- Encourages words typed by showing a picture of a kitten for every 100 words typed
- The image displayed can be adjusted per user preference
- More Information: Written Kitten Website
- Cost: Free
- Compatibility: Online Resource