

## Contextual Spell Checking in Word 2007

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Word does a reasonably good job of catching spelling and grammar errors, but not when a correctly spelled word is used incorrectly. The limitation becomes clear in the following poem “Ode to My Spell Checker”. No red squiggly lines appear because all the words are spelled correctly.

### **Ode to My Spell Checker**

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Eye halve a spelling checker  
It came with my pea sea.  
It plainly marks four my revue miss steaks eye kin knot sea.  
Eye strike a quay and type a word and weight for it to say  
Weather eye yam wrong oar write.  
It shows me strait a weigh as soon as a mist ache is maid.  
It nose bee fore two long and eye can put the error rite.  
Its rare lea ever wrong.  
Eye have run this poem threw it,  
I am shore your pleased to no.  
Its letter perfect awl the way.  
My checker told me sew.

Microsoft Office 2007 has added contextual spell checking. The red squiggly line represents a spelling error and a green squiggly line represents a grammar error. A blue squiggly line indicates an inappropriate word was used. In the example below, when you right click the word loose, Word suggests lose.

Win or loose, it was a great game.

Some other contextual spell checking errors (Thanks to John Bailor of Microsoft):

I bought a pear of shoes yesterday.  
I acknowledge that their may be exceptions to the rules.  
I wan to go to the store.  
I’ve go to go.  
I cannot sea the mistakes you mentioned.  
You’d be happy to no that our sales have increased.  
You told me too go to the first street on the right, correct?  
What did you toll me to do?  
He told me that he wanted to leave the convention sew badly.  
Let me know if you can chat some time today.  
He was loosing too much time.  
You cannot associate this account on more then one mailbox.  
Do you eat breakfast everyday?  
Where can I get a stand alone version of Microsoft Office Word 2007?  
The require us to submit an application before Thursday.

More information about this topic by John Bailor may be found at <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/help/HA102365841033.aspx>