

Eye halve a spelling checker...

...It came with my pea sea".

In this poem some words have been substituted by homophones - words with the same sound but different spelling. It proves that computer spelling checkers are not infallible!

Eye Halve a Spelling Chequer

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It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a quay and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am 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 really ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect in it's weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

(Sauce unknown)

Correct English version

I have a spelling checker

I have a spelling checker
It came with my PC
It plainly marks for my review
Mistakes I cannot see

I strike a key and type a word
And wait for it to say
Whether I am wrong or right
It shows me straight away

As soon as a mistake is made
It knows before too long
And I can put the error right
It's rarely ever wrong

I have run this poem through it
I am sure you're pleased to know
It's letter perfect in its way
My checker told me so

(Source unknown)

Activity – Error correction

Can you find the mistakes in the following sentences?

Correct them if you can.

1. Is that boat for sail?
2. I got a teddy bare for my birthday
3. Look over their, there playing football
4. In the library, reading allowed is not aloud
5. Tricky one: You really should of known better

Answers:

1. Is that boat for sale?
2. I got a teddy bear for my birthday
3. Look over there, they're playing football
4. In the library, reading aloud is not allowed
5. Tricky one: You really should have known better.