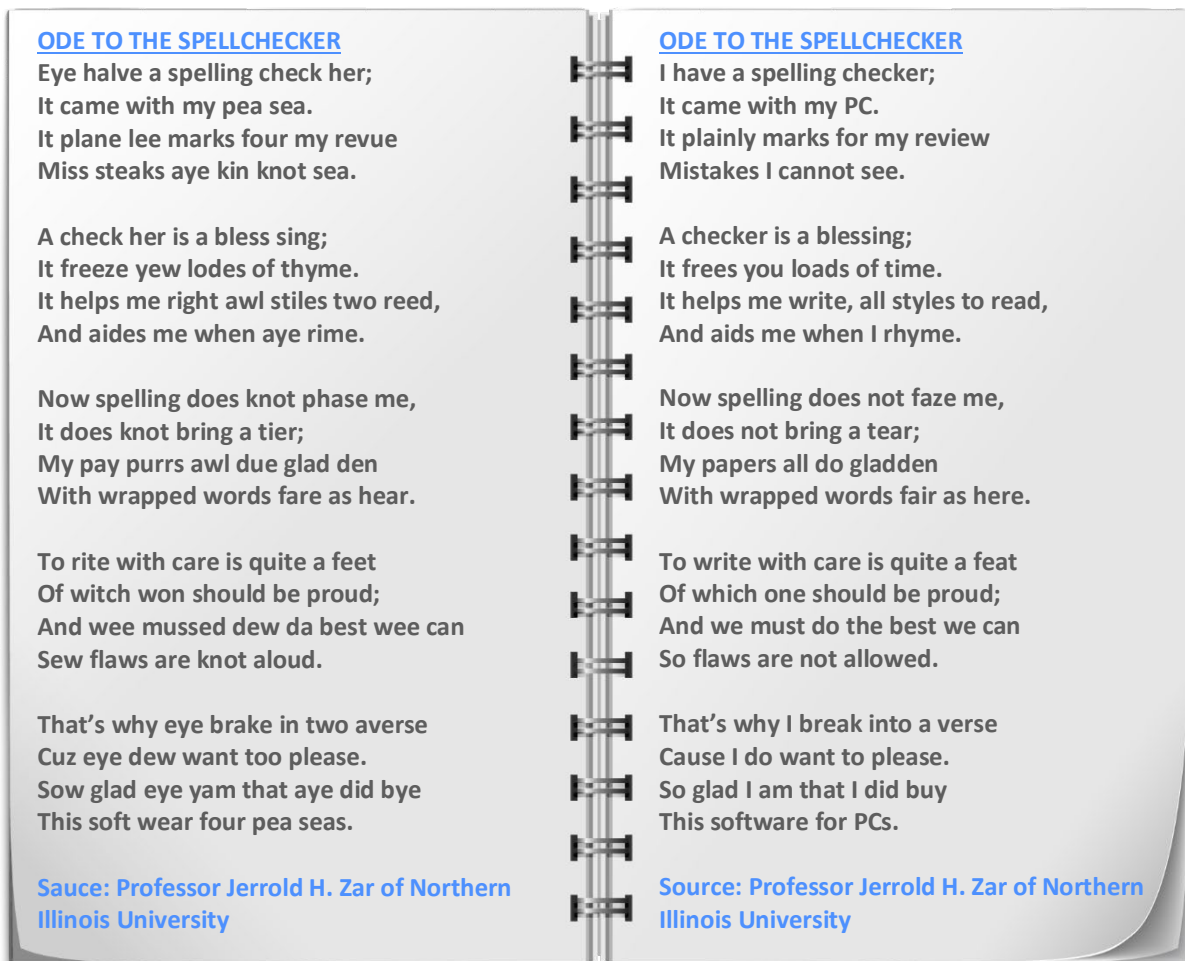


Ode To The Spellchecker (Solution)

Part of the poem “Ode to the Spellchecker”, written in 1991, is shown below - both in the original form, and in a “translated version. Read them and answer the questions.



According to the author, 127 of the 225 words of the poem, although spelled correctly, are used incorrectly.

1. What point do you think the author was trying to make by writing the poem?

The author is highlighting the fact that even when using tools such as spell checkers, written work should still be checked by the writer to ensure that the correct spelling has been used for the context.

2. Do you agree with the author? Explain your answer

I agree with the author, as spell checkers and grammar tools may not identify all errors. Many words can be correctly spelt in different ways, for example “there” and “their”. A spell checker may not always pick up the difference, and although they are getting better, written work should always be checked.