

# Spelling help for dyslexics

*Gina Brooks reviews a clever, next-generation spelling aid from Ginger Software*

The computer program Ginger, designed by entrepreneur Yael Karov and her husband Avner Zangvil, seems to have taken a step forward from the now common spellchecker. What makes this program unique is that, unlike a spellchecker, which analyses text at the word level, Ginger looks at whole sentences. It considers the logic and context of a whole sentence and, at a single click, suggests the most reasonable alternatives for any mistakes it detects. The entire

sentence containing the highlighted error is displayed, with the corrected alternative just beneath it. The user can then either skip or approve the correction.

For example, while a spellchecker would not highlight the misuse of words

such as there and their, or where and were, Ginger looks at what the writer is trying to say and makes a suggestion showing the whole sentence on screen.

The program is certainly an enormous and welcome step forward from a spellchecker. Since it is designed to be a helpful tool, rather than a teaching package, I can see that this program would be best suited to secondary aged young people who are dyslexic, and for those who are seeking (or in) employment but who are feeling insecure about their lack of spelling ability.

The programme can be downloaded for a renewable annual fee from the internet, and the user must thereafter be connected to the internet for the programme to work in a Microsoft Word document. Ginger currently supports MS Word and MS Outlook. Compatibility with MS Internet explorer and other applications is promised soon.

A free 14 day trial of Ginger is available from [www.gingersoftware.com](http://www.gingersoftware.com)



## Ginger Software

Ginger Software is an amazing new tool for helping children with Dyslexia

I lick two pla artseid sad tom

I like to play outside said Tom.

- Uses context to automatically correct spelling mistakes, misused words, and grammar.
- Text-to-speech capability lets you hear your text before and after correction.
- Ginger simultaneously corrects multiple mistakes within a sentence; providing a faster, more efficient way to work.
- Performance reports let you track improvement.



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