

This amazing grammar app will have you writing formally with confidence – and it's free!

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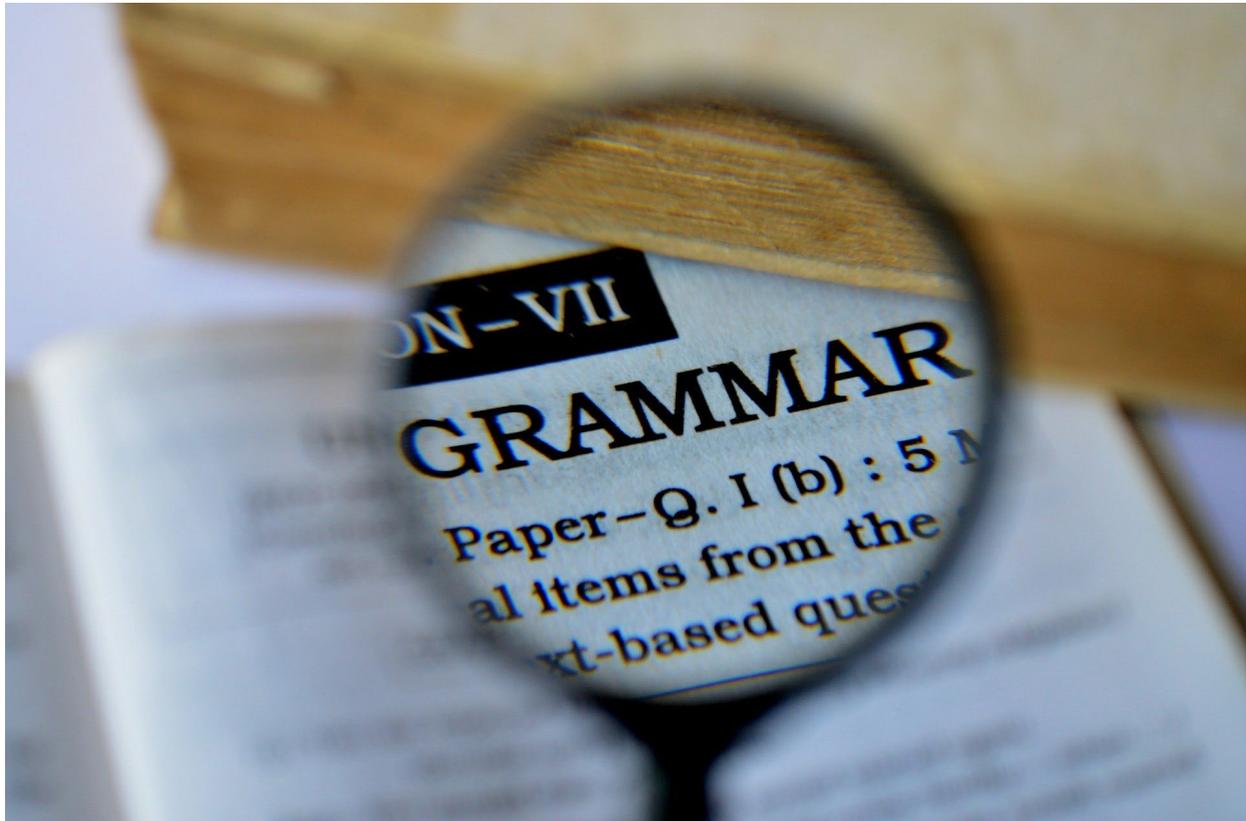


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Unless you were an English major in college, you probably don't like writing formal documents. I love writing, but even I cringe at the thought of writing a cover letter.

Writing something professional, like a resume, requires a lot of attention and can be stressful. While your friends may not care that you typed *to* instead of *too* in the group chat, a typo like that on your resume can make you look incompetent and quickly send your resume to the recruiter's trash folder.

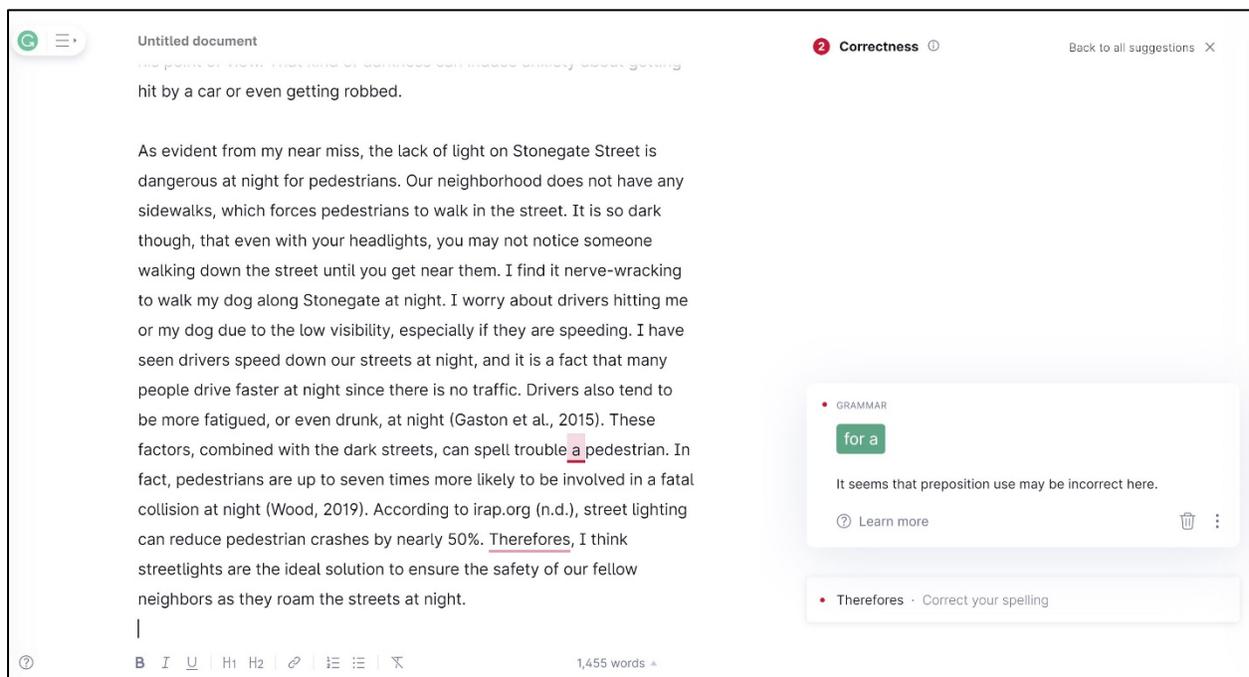
Wouldn't it be awesome if there was an application that caught all those pesky spelling errors for you and kicked in automatically, whether you're using Gmail or typing a tweet?

Well, good news! There is an app, and it's called Grammarly. This impressive program will have you slinging typo-free sentences around like a boss, and it won't cost you a thing.

How it works

As the name suggests, Grammarly makes sure your grammar is always on point. It's a web app that works in real-time to check for misspelled words, punctuation errors, run-on sentences, and more. The main app is an easy-to-use word processor that lives at [Grammarly.com](https://www.grammarly.com). You can type up your work directly in the word processor, copy and paste in a document, or upload a file.

Grammarly will underline mistakes in your writing and suggest a correction. Simply click on the suggestion, and Grammarly instantly fixes the error without you needing to type a thing. It's spot-on and will catch more errors than the Editor (aka "Spell Check" for my old schoolers out there) option in Microsoft Word.



Screenshot of Grammarly.com Workspace

You can even provide details about your writing beforehand, such as the intended tone and audience. This helps Grammarly know how stringently to check your work. You'll get feedback on aspects such as the clarity of your writing and an overall score too. It's an awesome app, and if you're a college student like me, it will become your best friend as you write those multipage essays.

It's cross-platform too

One of the coolest things about Grammarly is that you can use it pretty much anywhere you type. In addition to the main web app, Grammarly provides options to install it into your browser, Microsoft office, and onto your phone.

So, if you're lucky enough to not spend your weekends crunching out 1000-word essays and simply need to send your boss intelligent-sounding emails, Grammarly's got your back. Just install the Grammarly extension into your browser, and it will check your grammar anywhere you type on the web, including emails and social media posts. It's hella convenient, and your boss will love that you can send an email that's actually easy to read.

Bottom line

The Grammarly app is a total game-changer, and the fact that it's free makes it even better. While there are premium versions with additional features like a plagiarism detector and advanced suggestions to enhance your writing, the free version is all you need to keep your grammar flawless.

So, give Grammarly a try the next time you write up that business report. Who knows? With Grammarly's help, you may start to enjoy writing formal documents. At the very least, you'll save yourself the headache of tackling those finicky and forgotten grammar rules and come away with a typo-free document that showcases you as the intellectual you are.