



# VeritySpell Recommendation Guide

## Summary

The main reason that VeritySpell is recommended is to help students with spelling and grammar. The distraction of spelling mistakes can be very off-putting for students and VeritySpell will allow students to focus on getting their ideas down on the page without worrying about the spelling and grammar mistakes they may make. Then, once their ideas are captured, they are able to use VeritySpell to review their work. Many students with disabilities are struggling with concentration and VeritySpell can help. Additionally, VeritySpell has enhanced capabilities to correct serious spelling mistakes that most spell checkers would not be able to suggest corrections for. Having been designed specifically to assist neurodiverse learners, it provides support appropriate to the needs of the user. It also offers support with grammar mistakes which means it offers comprehensive spelling and grammar support for students.

## Difficulties helped by VeritySpell

Condition	Difficulties
Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distracted by spelling mistakes which cause ideas to be missed from work</li><li>• Difficulties knowing which suggestion from Microsoft Word is the right one</li><li>• Unable to independently correct grammar errors</li><li>• Unsure what to do if Microsoft Word does not understand word attempted to spell</li></ul>
Anxiety and Depression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rushing to get work done and this leads to an increased amount of errors</li><li>• Errors being highlighted by Word increases anxiety and reduces confidence in work</li><li>• Difficulties with concentration</li></ul>
Physical Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Difficulties with concentration</li><li>• Takes longer to produce written work</li><li>• Rushing to get work done</li><li>• Makes errors due to mobility challenges with typing</li></ul>
Visual Impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cannot easily see when errors have been made</li><li>• Distracted by errors being highlighted by word</li></ul>

Condition continued...	Difficulties continued...
Autism/Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficulties with concentration</li> <li>• Anxiety increases at the errors being highlighted</li> <li>• Distracted by errors being underlined by Microsoft Word</li> </ul>

## Benefits of using VeritySpell

Condition	Difficulties
Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduces the distraction of errors</li> <li>• Focus on generating and capturing ideas</li> <li>• Enhanced spell-checking capabilities to help correct serious spelling mistakes</li> <li>• Support with grammar rules</li> </ul>
Anxiety and Depression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduces the anxiety as errors are hidden until verity spell is launched</li> <li>• Increases confidence in work</li> <li>• Help to reduce the impact of limited time by speeding up the proofreading process</li> </ul>
Physical Difficulties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves focus on writing and reduces distraction of errors</li> <li>• Improves accuracy of written work</li> <li>• Can check for mistakes in dictated text</li> <li>• Helps reduce the impact of limited time on the quality of work</li> </ul>
Visual Impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helps identify errors that aren't highlighted by Microsoft Word that may be difficult for a VI Student to spot</li> <li>• Reduces distraction of errors being highlighted by word so the student can focus on writing essay</li> </ul>
Autism/Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduces distraction of errors</li> <li>• Reduces the anxiety of choosing correct spellings</li> <li>• Increases confidence in work</li> </ul>



## Example Recommendations

### Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia)

VeritySpell is recommended as it will support issues with spelling that stem from dyslexia. The learner can turn off the spelling and grammar error notifications until ready to proofread. This will reduce the distractions that errors cause and allow the Learner to focus on getting the information written. This software offers enhanced proofreading which will support on difficulties with correcting and spotting errors. Homophones and grammar rules will be identified by this software and it will help to choose the correct word. This will prevent Learners from losing marks on simple errors that they have made because of their dyslexia. The inbuilt spell-check in Microsoft Word does not provide enough support in this area.

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### Anxiety and Depression

High levels of anxiety and periods of low mood can cause Learners to struggle with cognitive functions and this can lead to many simple spelling mistakes. Going back and correcting these errors takes a considerable amount of time and causes Learners to feel more anxious. It also distracts from articulating their ideas. Many students have learned to stop and correct mistakes as soon as they see them, and this leads to losing their chain of thought, leading to key ideas being missed from their work. The Learner can turn off the spelling and grammar error notifications until ready to proofread. This will reduce the distractions that errors cause and allow them to focus on getting the information written. When a Learner struggles with confidence due to their anxiety this software will increase confidence in their overall submission.

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### Physical Difficulties

Increased levels of pain and fatigue cause can cause Learners to struggle with cognitive functions and this means some Learners makes many simple spelling mistakes. Going back and correcting these errors takes a considerable amount of time. It also distracts Learners from articulating their ideas, leading to key ideas being missed from their work. The Learner can turn off the spelling and grammar error notifications until ready to proofread. This will reduce the distractions that errors cause and allow them to focus on getting the information written. In these circumstances VeritySpell can reduce the impact the Learners condition has on the quality of their work.

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### Visual Impairment

A Students visual impairment can cause them to make many typing errors. Highlighted errors distract from their train of thought. Ideas and key concepts are missed from the Learners work due to this distraction. The Learner can turn off the spelling and grammar error notifications until ready to proofread. This will reduce the disruptions that errors cause and allow them to focus on getting the information written. This software will reduce the impact the Learners condition has on the quality of their work.



## Autism/Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder

VeritySpell can be recommended as it will support Learners with issues with concentration and anxiety that stems from their Autism/ADHD. The Learner can turn off the spelling and grammar error notifications until ready to proofread. This will reduce the distractions that errors cause and allow the Learner to focus on getting the information written. This software offers enhanced proofreading which will support Learners with difficulties with correcting and spotting errors. Homophones and grammar rules will be identified by this software and it will help them choose the correct word. This will prevent Learners from losing marks on simple errors that they have made because of their Autism/ADHD. The inbuilt spell-checker in their word processing package may not provide enough support in this area.

