

Have a read at the following poem. In it, the author pays due tribute to the spelling checker (or chequer in American English spelling) that certainly makes our lives so much easier. When you hear it, it makes perfect sense but when you read it you can see that some of the words have been substituted by a homophone. Find them and substitute them again by an appropriate homophone that fits the meaning.

### **An Ode to the Spelling Chequer**

Prays the Lord for the spelling chequer  
That came with our pea sea!  
Mecca mistake and it puts you rite  
Its so easy to ewes, you sea.

I never used to no, was it e before eye?  
(Four sometimes its eye before e.)  
But now I've discovered the quay to success  
It's as simple as won, too, free!

Sew watt if you lose a letter or two,  
The whirled won't come two an end!  
Can't you sea? It's as plane as the knows on yore face  
S. Chequer's my very best friend

I've always had trubble with letters that double  
"Is it one or to S's?" I'd wine  
But now, as I've tolled you this chequer is grate  
And its hi thyme you got won, like mine.

—Janet E. Byford

## Answer Key

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**Praise** the Lord for the spelling chequer  
That came with our **PC!**  
**Make** mistake and it puts you **write**  
Its so easy to **use**, you **see**.

I never used to **know**, was it e before i?  
(**For** sometimes **it's i** before e.)  
But now I've discovered the **key** to success  
It's as simple as **one, two, three!**

**So what** if you lose a letter or two,  
The **world** won't come **to** an end!  
Can't you **see?** It's as **plain** as the **nose** on **your** face  
S Chequer's my very best friend

I've always had trouble with letters that double  
"Is it one or **two** S's?" I'd **whine**  
But now, as I've **told** you this chequer is **great**  
And its **high time** you got **one**, like mine.

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