



Oribi  
**VeritySpell™**  
for Mac

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## VeritySpell for Mac in brief

VeritySpell is a program that corrects spelling mistakes in English. It is specially designed for people with reading and writing difficulties, like dyslexia. VeritySpell can correct serious spelling mistakes that other spellcheckers would not recognise, for example *yoost* (for *used*) and *citon* (for *kitten*). It also explains the difference between confusable words such as *their*, *there* and *they're*. To help users choose the right word, VeritySpell presents suggestions with example sentences. It has a simple grammar checker which finds mistakes such as *I never been to France*, suggesting *I have never been to France* instead.

VeritySpell is easy to control so that it gives the suggestions and support that suits you best. This is done by selecting personal settings and the wordlist size to use. For some people the smaller wordlist is better because VeritySpell won't suggest so many uncommon words, which can be confusing. If there is a text-to-speech installed on your computer, VeritySpell will almost always be able to read words and sentences out loud.

VeritySpell can be used in two ways:

1. **By running the Verity Spell with Word and Pages.** If you choose this option, VeritySpell appears in its own dialogue box, with its own buttons. This is the solution we recommend for someone with reading or writing difficulties, as it gives the best and most advanced support. Help with non-word errors (like *citon* for *kitten*), easily confused words (like *witch/which*) and grammar will be available. In this manual, in all screenshots and general comments, it is assumed that VeritySpell is used this way.
2. **By running the VeritySpell with TextEdit, Mail, Safari and other applications.** The interface will then look the same as it does when using the spellchecker of the operating system. In this mode, non-words will be corrected, but help with easily confused words or with grammar won't always be available, depending on which application is chosen.

### USEFUL HINT

The website of Oribi AB has answers to frequently asked questions about VeritySpell ('FAQ Mac') as well as videos and Tips&Tricks. Please visit [www.oribi.se](http://www.oribi.se) and click on the British flag.

# Getting started

## Installation

### Start your Mac

1. Insert the CD in the CD drive of your Mac.
2. Double-click on the CD icon and start the `VeritySpell.pkg` installation program.
3. Follow the instructions on the screen until the installation is complete.
4. VeritySpell is now installed in the Applications folder.
5. We recommend that you make VeritySpell visible in the Dock by dragging the icon there.
6. Start VeritySpell by clicking on the VeritySpell icon in the Dock. (though see [VeritySpell for Mac in brief](#) about the two different ways of using VeritySpell).

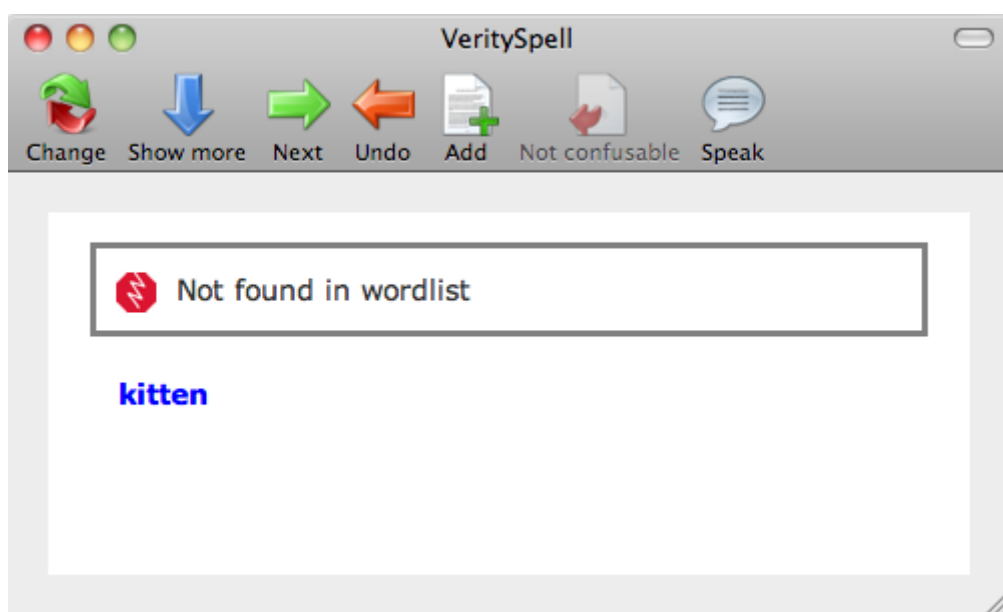
The first time you start VeritySpell, it will ask for a key which is found in the box that the VeritySpell CD came in.

## Checking text

VeritySpell can detect and correct serious mistakes, such as *yoost* (for *used*) and *citon* (for *kitten*), and it also helps distinguish between words that are easily confused, such as *their*, *there* and *they're*.

VeritySpell reacts to the spelling mistake *citon* like this:

I would love to have a `citon`.



# VeritySpell with Word and Pages

## Spellchecking text

Start VeritySpell by clicking on the VeritySpell icon in the Dock or by double-clicking on the VeritySpell icon in the Applications folder. If the program is already running, click on the **Next** button.

VeritySpell will start spellchecking from the insertion point (the point in the text where the cursor is). If the insertion point is at the end of the document, VeritySpell will start from the beginning. It is also possible to select a part of the text for VeritySpell to check.

To choose a word from VeritySpell's list of suggestions, either double-click on that word in the list, or, first select it and then click on the **Change** button.

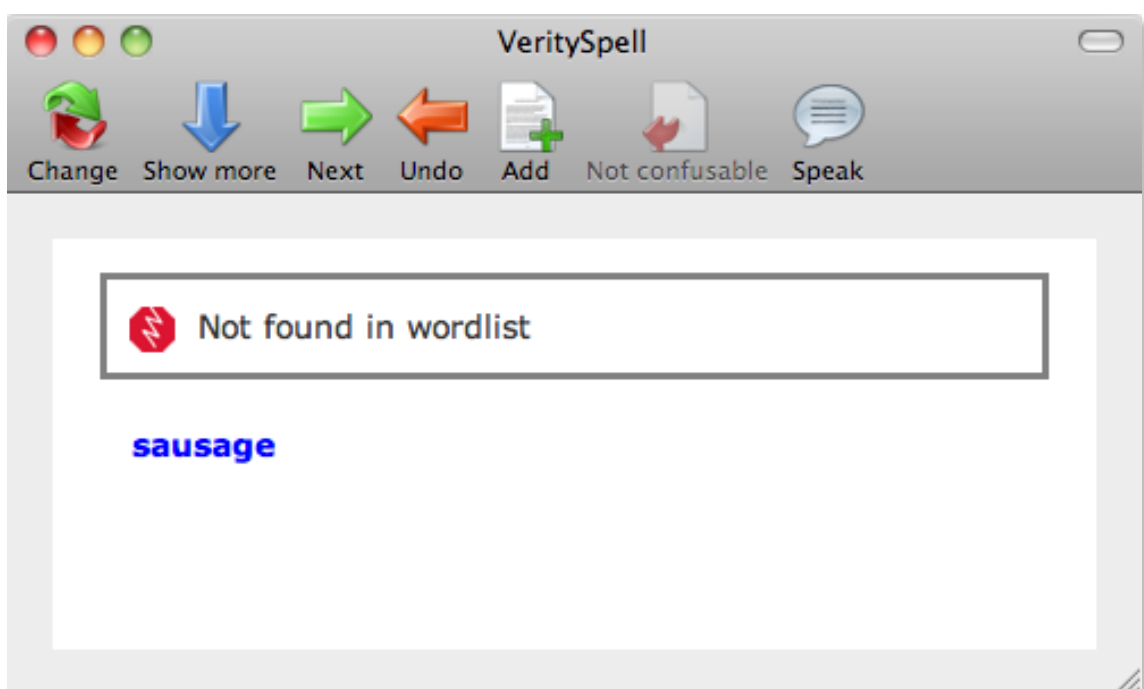
## Common messages

Below is a list of the most common messages from VeritySpell, with explanations of their meaning. We recommend spending some time familiarising yourself with what the various messages mean.

### 1. *Not found in wordlist*

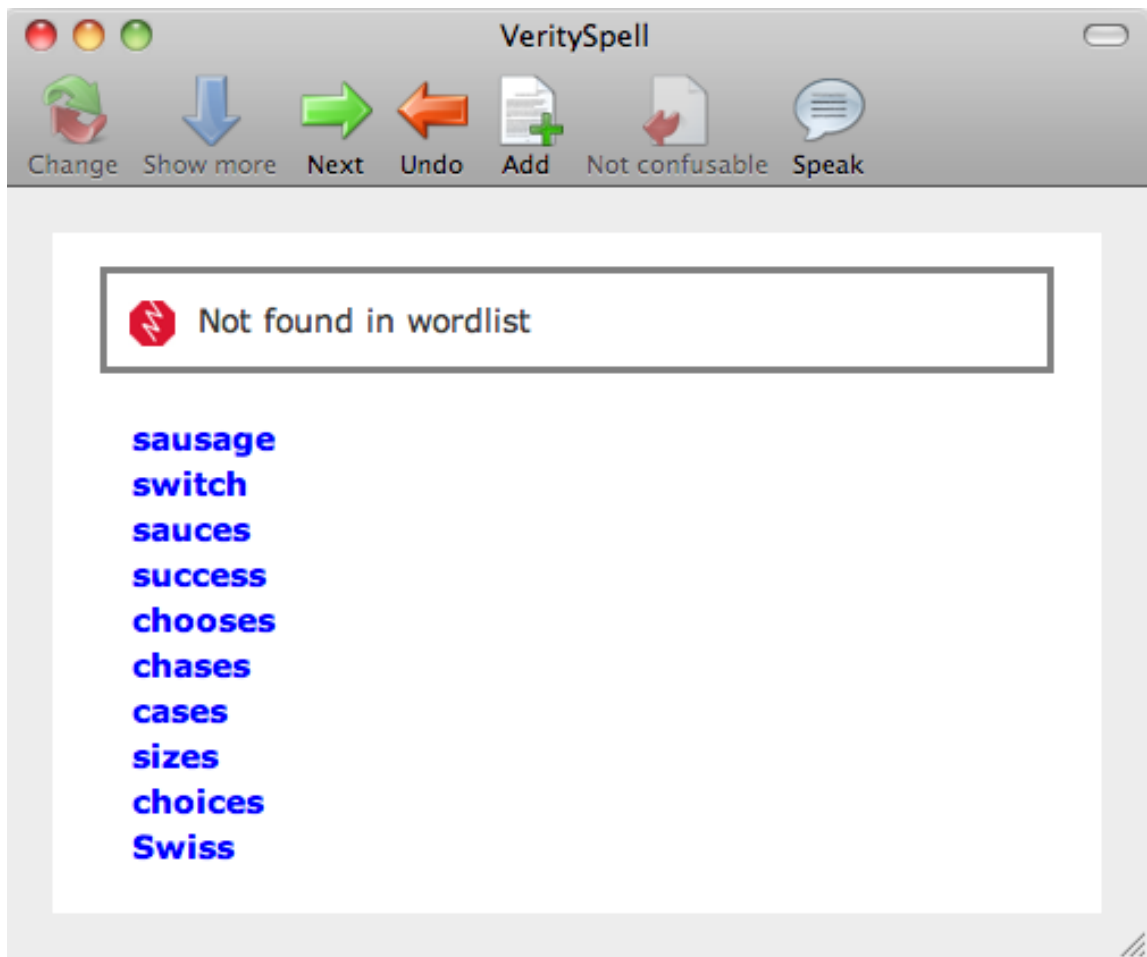
This message is shown when you have written something that is not included in the wordlist you are using (to find out more about how your choice of wordlist affects the suggestions from VeritySpell, see *Size of wordlist* below). Here, the user has written *sositch*:

For lunch, I had a **sositch**.



VeritySpell will present one suggestion in first place – here: *sausage*. (Sometimes there will be several suggestions, but only if they are all considered to be equally likely.)

It is often enough to have just one or two suggestions, but for more suggestions, just click on **Show more** (the button with the broad blue arrow pointing downwards). Each click will reveal one more suggestion. What VeritySpell suggests depends on what wordlist is in use. In this case, the Standard list is used, and **Show more** has been clicked until there are no more suggestions. This is the result:

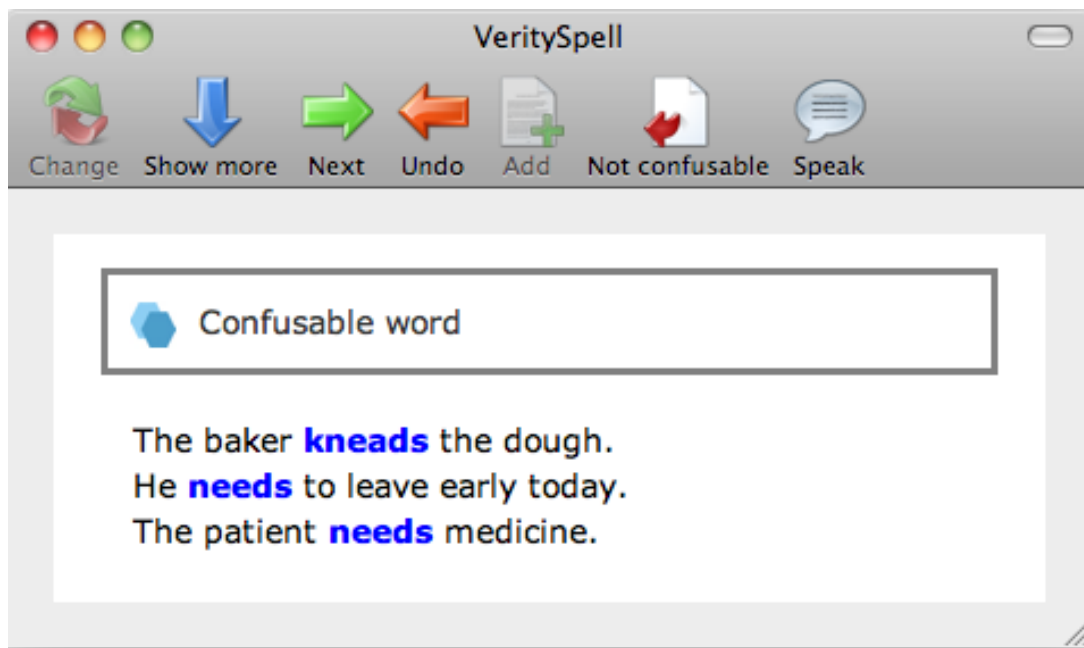


## 2. Confusable word

This message is displayed when you have written a word that VeritySpell considers to be easily confusable with another. VeritySpell tells you to check that you have made the right choice. There are example sentences to illustrate the meanings of confusable words, like *witch* and *which*. VeritySpell has about 11,000 such example sentences. Here is an example, with the Standard wordlist activated:

VeritySpell stops at *kneads* and asks for a double-check:

It **kneads** love.



The most likely word here is *needs*. To choose the right word, just double-click on it, or, first select it and then click on **Change**.

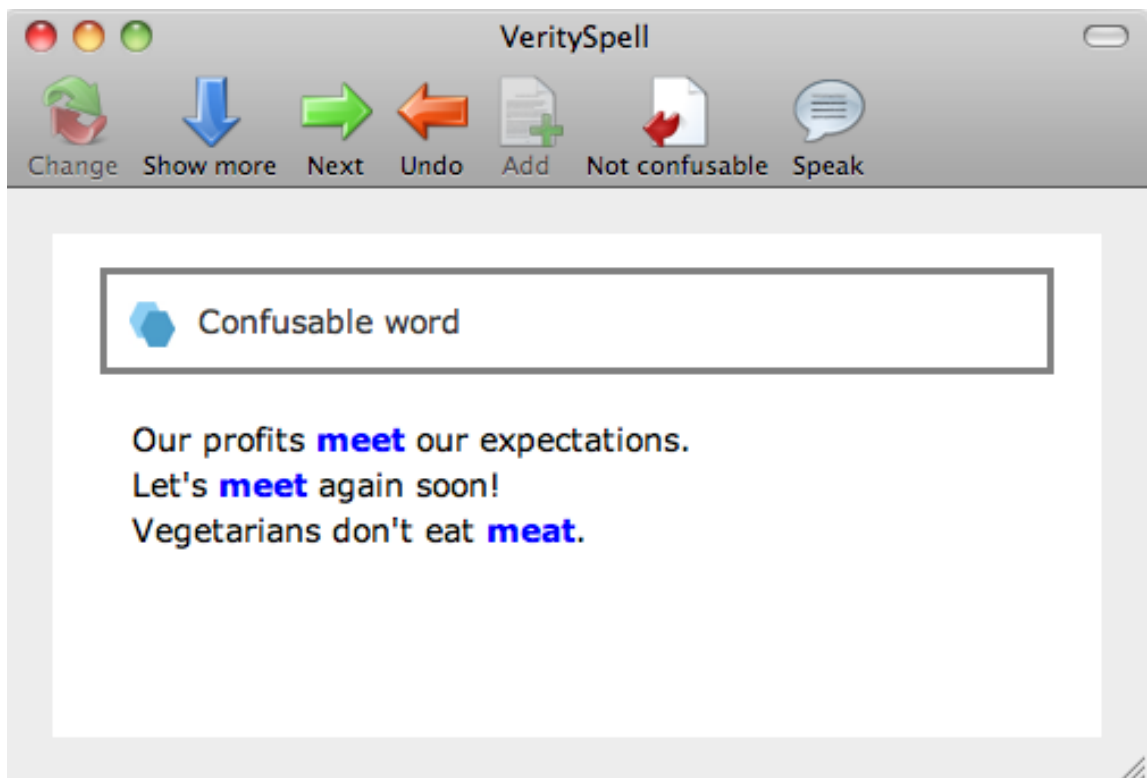
In many cases, VeritySpell is able to take account of the surrounding words when assessing whether a mistake has been made or not. This means that VeritySpell will make fewer unnecessary stops at confusable words where the spelling is actually correct. Here is an example:

I like to meet new people.

VeritySpell will not stop at *meet*, which is correct here.

Here, by contrast, VeritySpell will stop at *meet* and warn about confusable words, like this:

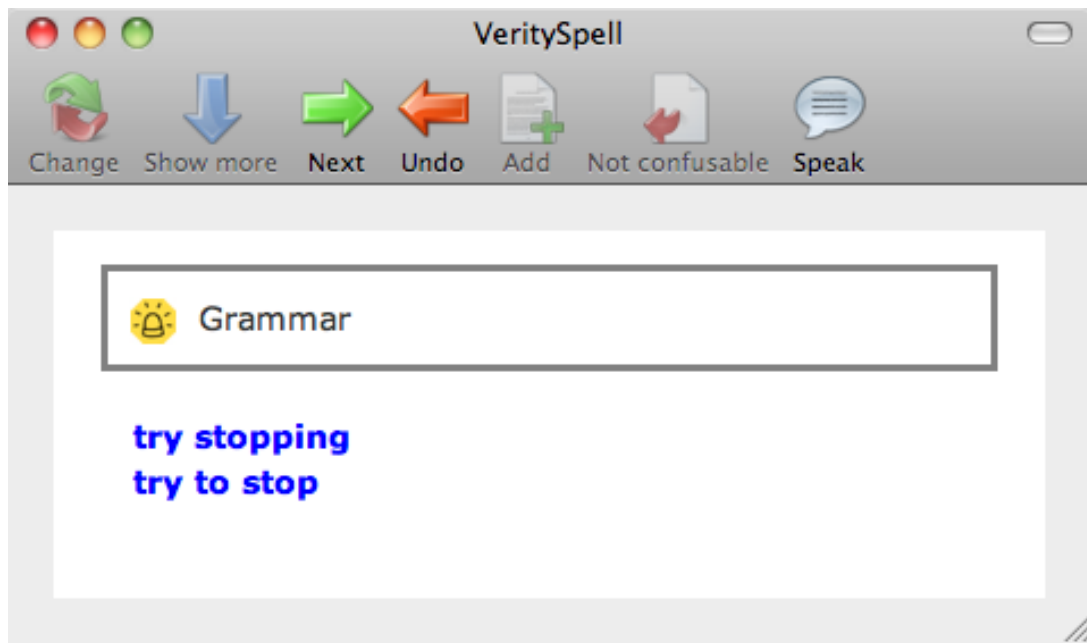
Jane doesn't eat meet.



### 3. Grammar

You get this message when VeritySpell thinks a mistake has been made which is not about spelling but about word endings, word order or sentence structure. The text is marked by VeritySpell and the message box shows the suggested correction. Here is an example:

We must try stop it.

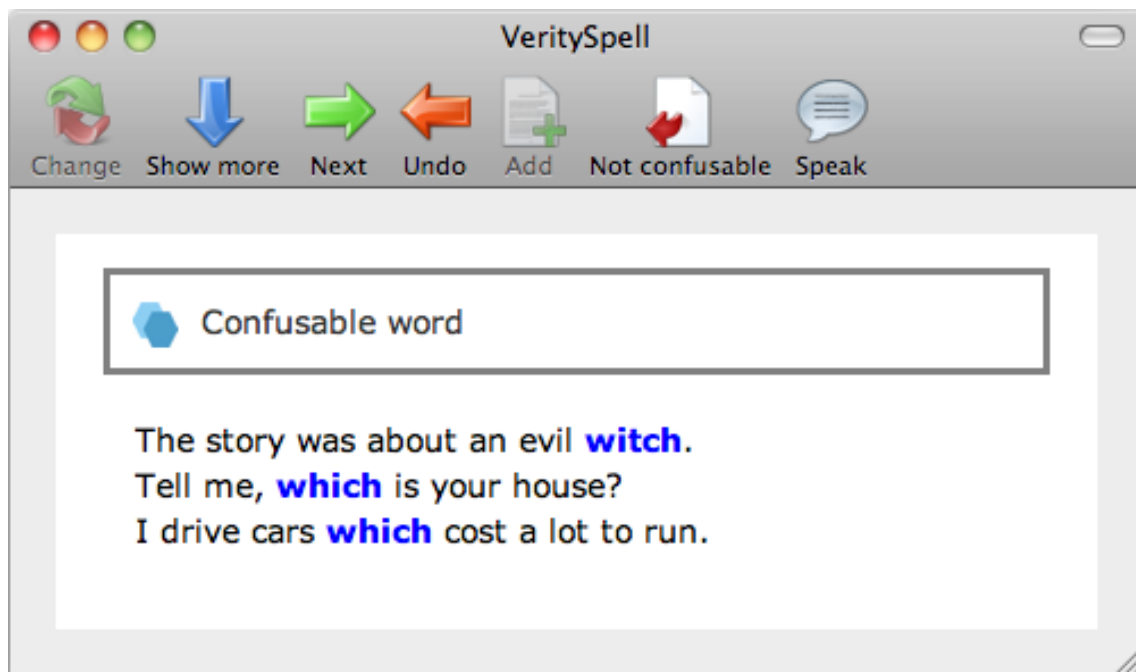


This means that VeritySpell suggests replacing *try stop* with either *try stopping* or *try to stop*. To insert one of VeritySpell's suggestions in a text, either double-click on the desired suggestion, or select it using the mouse and click the **Change** button. If you think what you have written is correct, just click the **Next** button to continue the spellcheck without making any change.

## The main VeritySpell window

This section explains the functions of the various buttons in the main VeritySpell window. First, an example of how the main window may look when VeritySpell has stopped at a word during spellchecking with the 'Standard' wordlist activated.

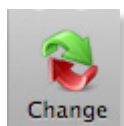
I know **witch** one it is.



### The Suggestions panel

The (normally) white space in the middle of the window is called the **Suggestions** panel. This is where suggestions and messages from VeritySpell are seen. Above it are a number of buttons.

#### Change



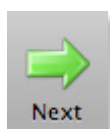
Press the **Change** button to choose a suggestion – or just double-click directly on that word or phrase in the **Suggestions** panel.

#### Show more



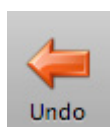
In most cases, VeritySpell suggests only one or two words. To see more suggestions, click the **Show more** button.

## Next



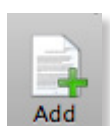
If you *don't* want to replace the word you have written with any of VeritySpell's suggestions, just click the **Next** button. VeritySpell will then go on to search for the next suspected error.

## Undo



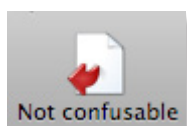
To undo your most recent change and go back to the previous word that VeritySpell stopped at, click the **Undo** button. (If you just added a word to a wordlist, using the **Add** button, or marked a word as not confusable, using the **Not confusable** button, you can't undo that by pressing the **Undo** button. To do this, you must go to the **Preferences** window.)

## Add



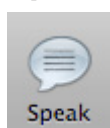
If you have written a word which is new to VeritySpell and you want the program to learn that word, click the **Add** button. (In the case of *witch* this is not possible because VeritySpell already knows that word. This is why the button is grey.)

## Not confusable



If VeritySpell has stopped at a word because it thinks that word is easily confused with other words, and you are certain you never make a mistake about that word, you can press the **Not confusable** button. Then VeritySpell will no longer stop at that word. Doing so would not be advisable in the case shown above (*I know witch one it is*), because the writer has indeed made a mistake. At any point, it is possible to change one's mind and turn the warning back on through **Preferences**.

## Speak



Text can be selected to be spoken out loud, provided that text-to-speech is installed on your computer – read more under *Using text-to-speech* below.

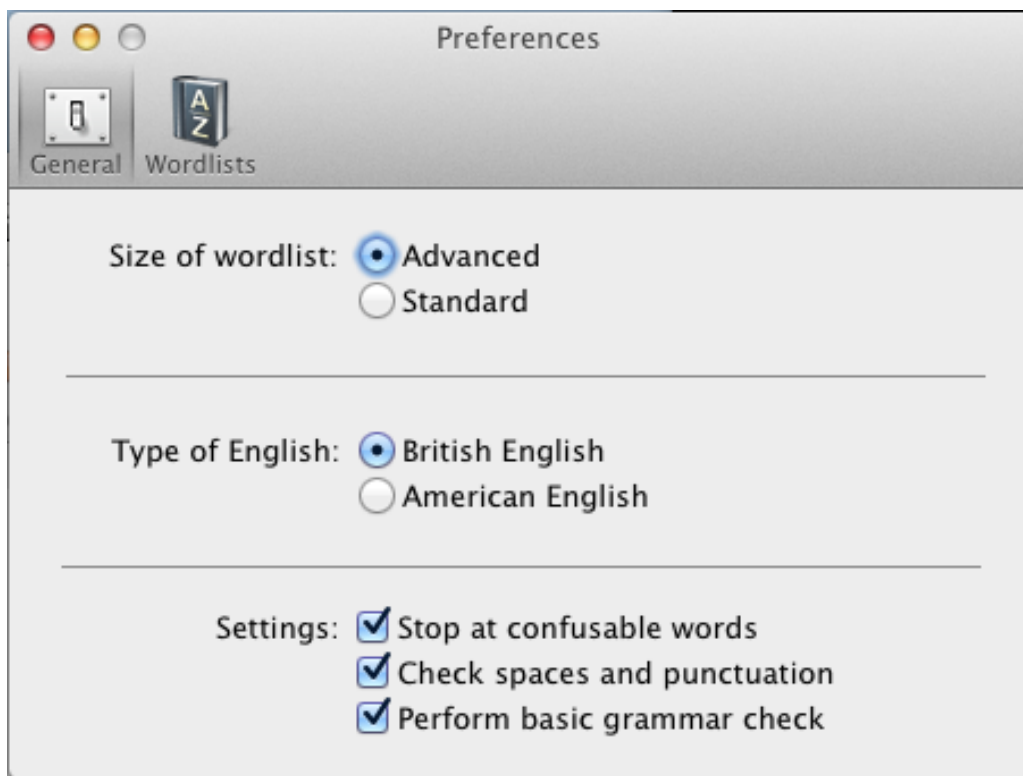
## The Preferences window

To change your VeritySpell settings, first go to the **Preferences** window, by either clicking on the menu item (**VeritySpell/Preferences...**), or using the ⌘, (comma) keyboard shortcut.



Here, the wordlist size can be chosen, spellchecking options can be changed and special wordlists may be edited.

## The General tab



The **General** tab is where general settings for VeritySpell are made.

## Size of wordlist

This is where you choose which of VeritySpell's two wordlists you want to use: **Standard** (fairly small) or **Advanced** (big). The Advanced wordlist is the default setting.

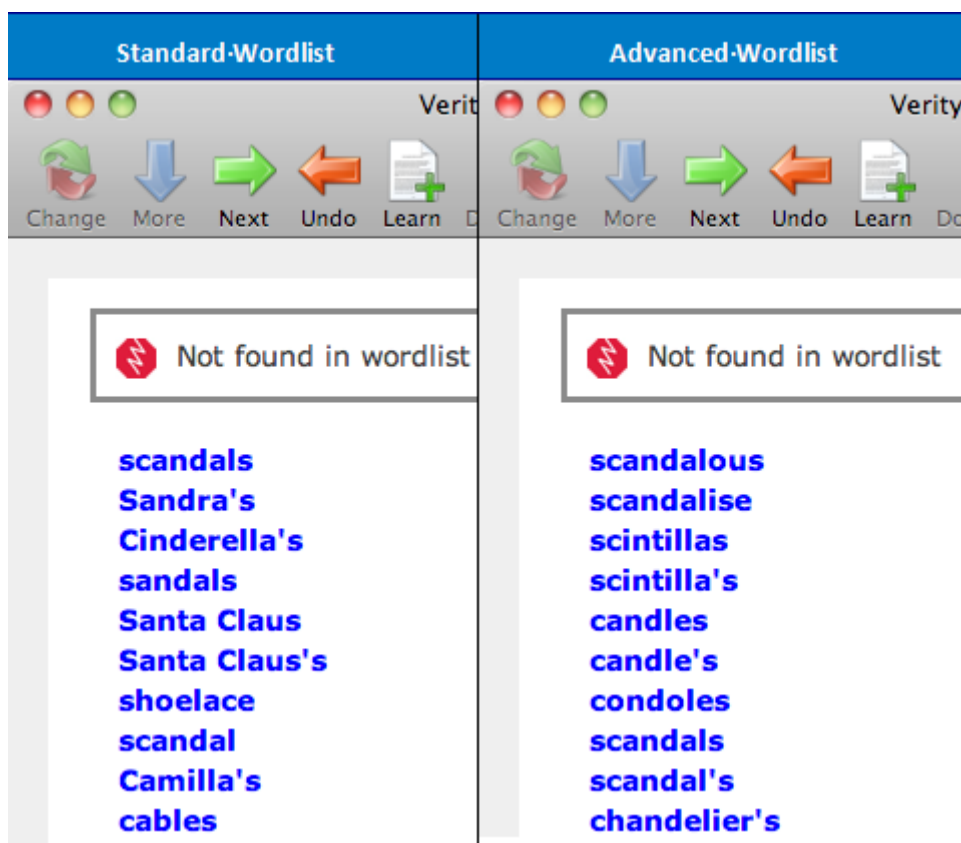
### Standard

The Standard wordlist contains about 40,000 words (or, to be precise: word forms – *go*, *went*, *gone* are regarded as three words). Typical Standard words are *horse*, *considerate* and *vow*.

### Advanced

The larger wordlist, Advanced, contains about 70,000 words in addition to those from the Standard list, meaning that the total is about 110,000. Many of the words that are found only in the Advanced list are not very frequent. Examples of such words are *ply*, *fowl* and *anthropomorphism*. When you install VeritySpell, the **Advanced** list is the default choice. Some users, perhaps particularly younger ones, may feel VeritySpell works better and comes up with sharper suggestions with the Standard wordlist.

VeritySpell's suggestions depend on which wordlist is chosen. For example, the misspelling *scandelus* (for *scandalous*) will yield the following suggestions with the Standard and Advanced wordlists, respectively:



## Type of English

This is where you choose your working language: British or American English. British English is the default. If British English is selected, VeritySpell will stop at the American spelling *color* and suggest the British equivalent: *colour*. The opposite is true, of course, if you have selected American English.

## Settings

Here you can choose different options for what VeritySpell does when it is checking a text.

### *Stop at confusable words*

Do you want VeritySpell warn about words that can easily be confused with each other? If this box is checked, the program will stop, for example, on the word *witch* and show the words *witch* and *which* in example sentences, explaining what they mean. Note that VeritySpell will sometimes stop even if the spelling of a confusable word may be correct.

In many cases, VeritySpell is able to take account of the surrounding words when assessing whether a spelling mistake has been made or not. This prevents it from stopping where you actually have *not* made a mistake.

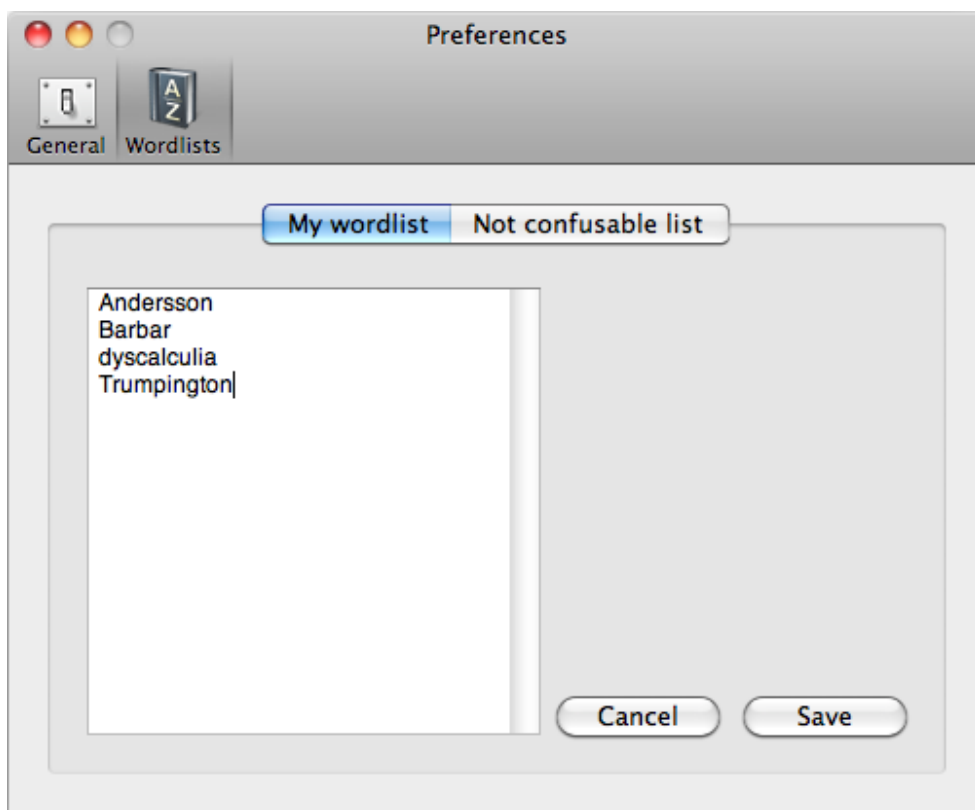
### *Check spaces and punctuation*

Here you choose whether VeritySpell should react to spacing and punctuation mistakes, for example if there is a space before a full stop (as in *Hello, said Sam .*) or both an question mark and a full stop at the end of a sentence (as in *What do you think?.*).

### *Perform basic grammar check*

Here you decide whether VeritySpell should react to common grammar mistakes such as *He is been difficult* suggesting correcting to either *is being* or *has been*.

## The Wordlists tab



Under this tab, you can manage your personal VeritySpell wordlists: **My wordlist** and **Not confusable list**. In **My wordlist** are all words that you have added while working with VeritySpell. The **Not confusable list** contains all words/phrases that you have marked as not confusable.

**Adding:** To add a new word to either of your lists, just write it on a new line. The **Paste** command can also be used to add new words to a list.

**Editing:** To change the spelling of an entry, simply edit it in the list.

**Deleting:** To remove a word, select it and delete it.

**Saving:** All changes are saved when you click on the **Save** button.

### My wordlist

Here are all words that you have added yourself. If you click on **Add** in Verity Spell's main window when an unknown word has been encountered during spellchecking, the new word ends up in **My wordlist**. From then on, VeritySpell will know this word.

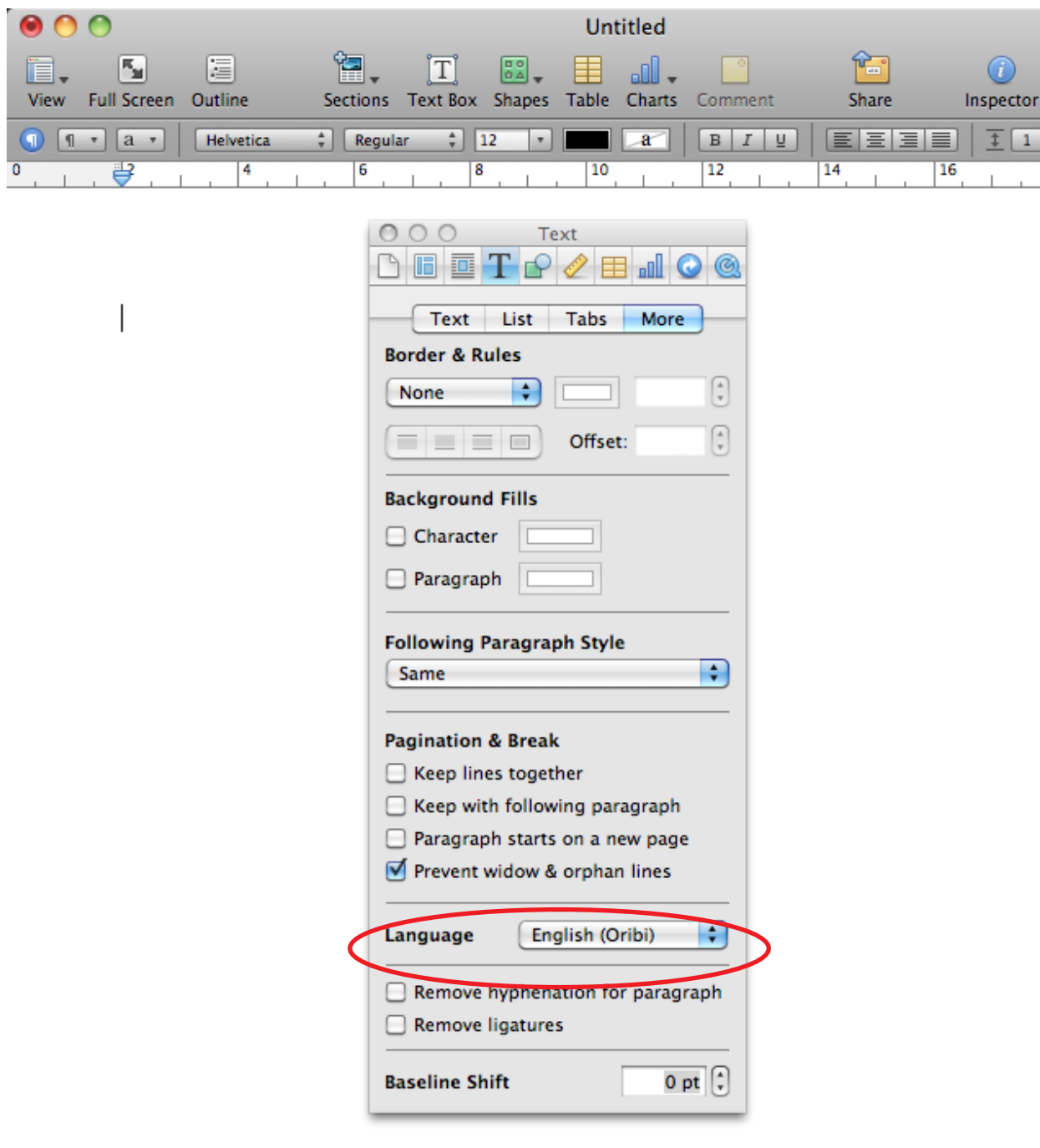
### Not confusable list

This is where you find all confusable words/phrases that you have decided you do not want Verity Spell to stop at. For example, VeritySpell will as the default stop at *witch* (confusable with *which*). If you feel you don't need that help, you click on **Not confusable** in VeritySpell's main window. From then on, *witch* is included in your **Not confusable list**.

## More about Pages

If you are using Pages, it is possible to use the VeritySpell program either alongside Pages, or through the built-in spellchecker, but please note that only support for non-word errors is offered through the built-in spellchecker.

If you do want to use VeritySpell spellchecking via the built-in spellchecker, click on the **Inspector** icon. Then click on **T** for 'Text' and select the **More** tab. Choose VeritySpell by selecting **English (Oribi)** in the **Language** list box. Note that your choice applies only to the selected text.



## USEFUL HINT

To make sure that your new documents will use VeritySpell for spellchecking create a template.

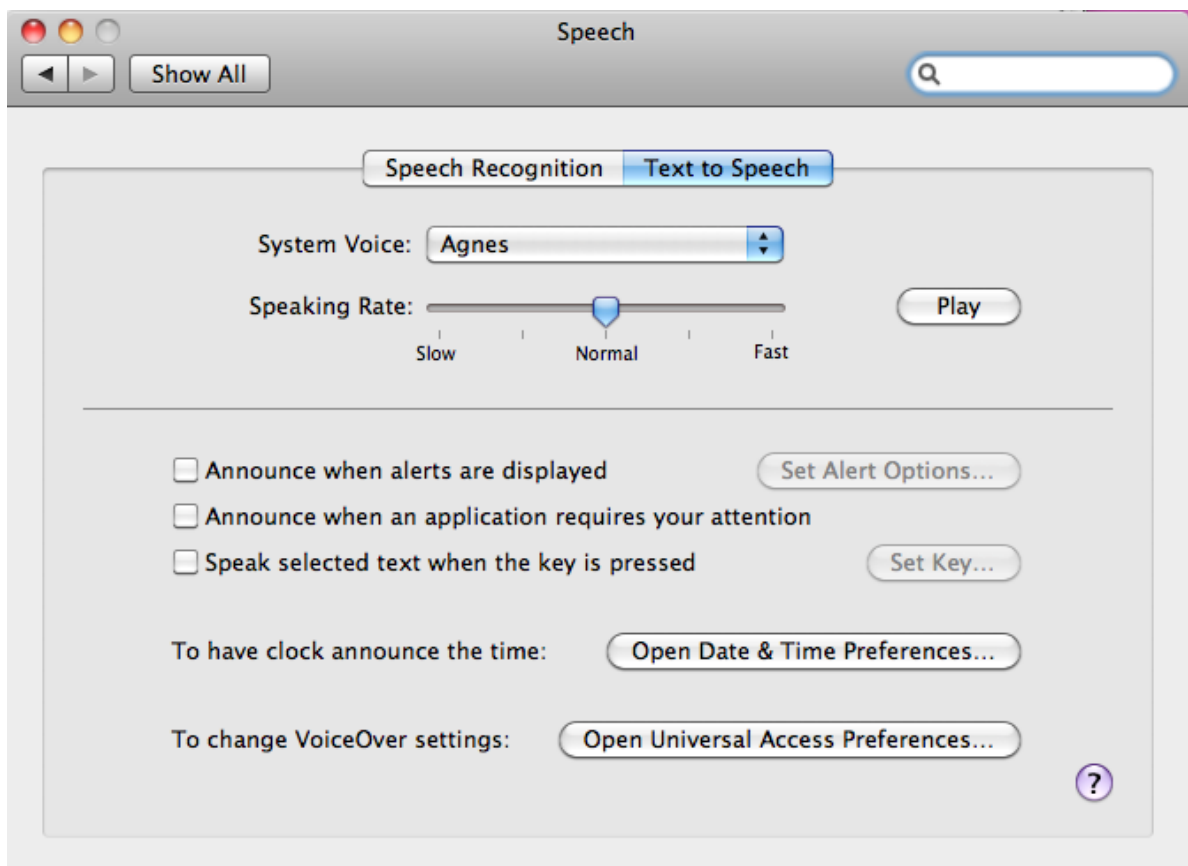
1. Open a new, empty document and select **English (Oribi)** in the **Language** list box.
2. Save this document as a template by selecting **File/Save as Template...**
3. Use this template whenever you create a new document.

## Using text-to-speech

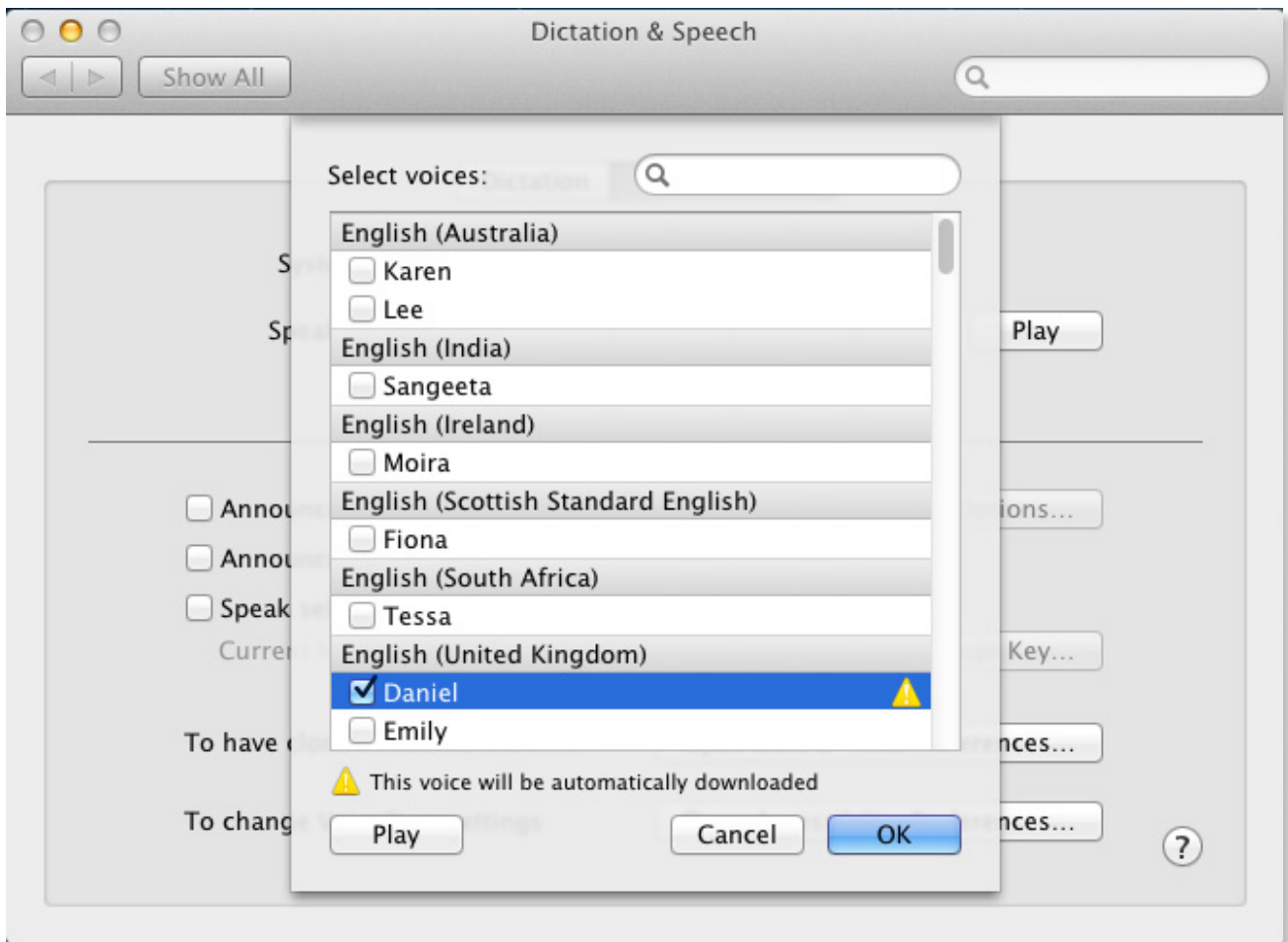
VeritySpell uses the text-to-speech function of the operating system. Text-to-speech settings are changed under **System Preferences** and the **Speech/Text to Speech** tab. The main VeritySpell window includes a **Speak** button. If you click on this button, the text in the active window is read out loud. If a selection of text is marked, only that text will be read out.

Mac OS X includes an English language text-to-speech function. To activate it, you need to do the following.

1. Go to **System Preferences**.
2. Select **Speech** and then the **Text to Speech** tab.
3. Choose an English voice (for example Agnes or Alex) by clicking on **System Voice**.



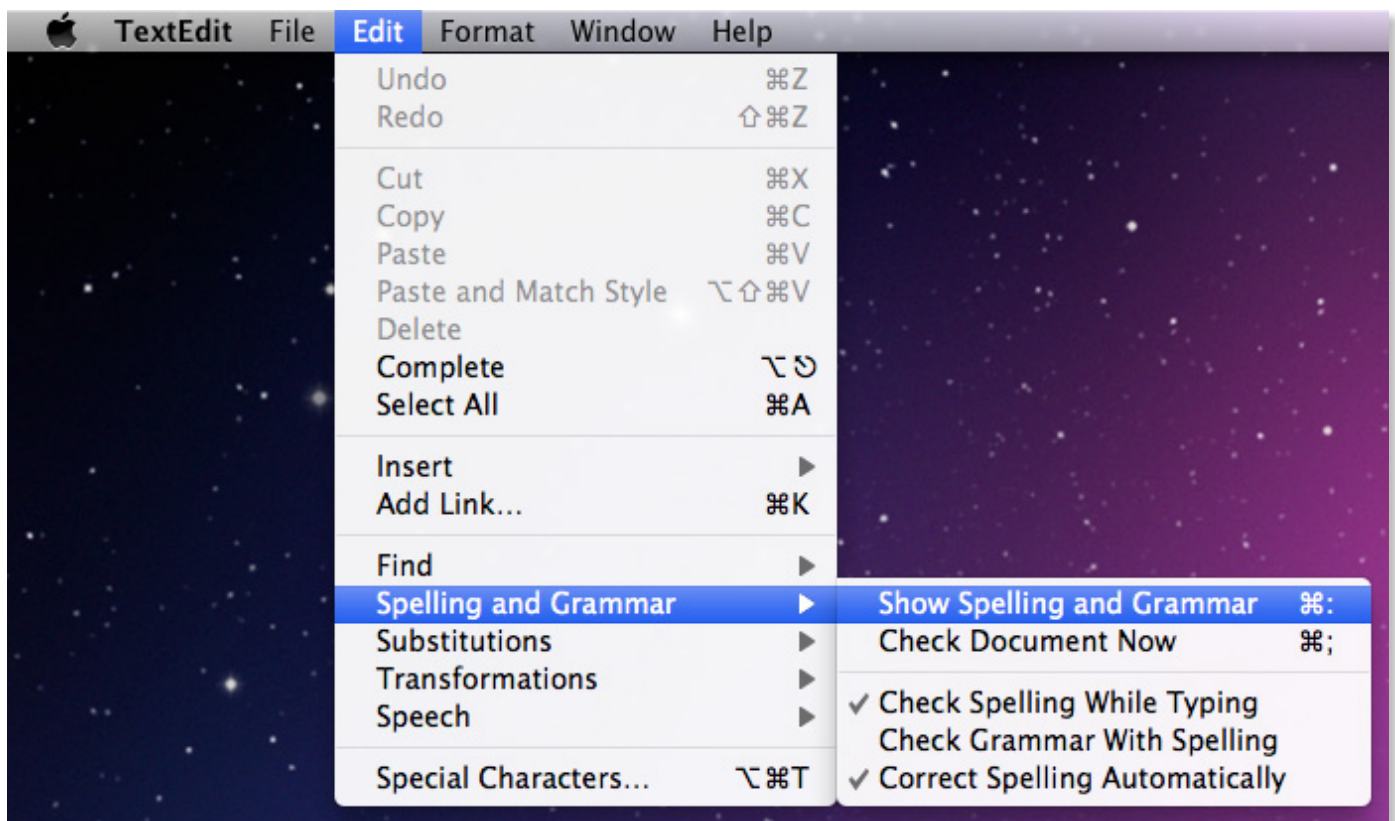
4. If the voices have not yet been downloaded, click on **System Voice** and choose **Customize...** Select the English voices and click on **OK** to allow the system to download them. Then choose the system voice you prefer. (Note that you need Mac OS X 10.7 Lion to do this.)



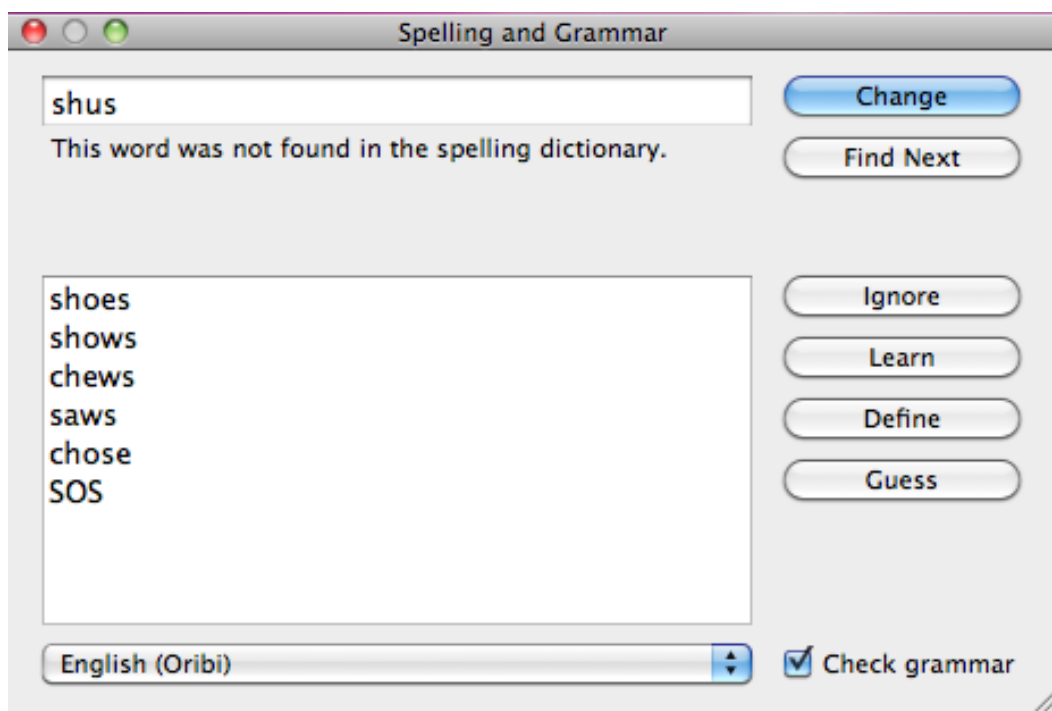
## VeritySpell with TextEdit, Mail, Safari and other applications

Many programs, for example Safari and TextEdit, use the built-in spellchecker of the operating system and allow a choice of spellchecking language in the settings for each program. When VeritySpell is installed, there will be a new language option: **English (Oribi)**, which has to be selected so that the spelling suggestions come from VeritySpell. Once this selection has been made, the red highlights of spelling mistakes and the green highlights of grammar mistakes will come from VeritySpell. When you right-click on a misspelt word, the suggestions will come from VeritySpell. When using VeritySpell through the built-in spellchecker, non-words will be corrected, but help with confusable words or with grammar won't always be available, depending on what writing environment you are working in. For example, if you use Pages, only non-words will be corrected, but in TextEdit, support for confusable words and grammar is also available.

The built-in spellchecker is started via the menu of the Mac program under **Edit**, or by using the ⌘: (colon) keyboard shortcut.



The spellchecker will present misspelt words and suggest correctly spelt ones in a window.



## Update and About VeritySpell

### **Updates**

VeritySpell for Mac is updated from within the application. By clicking on **Search for updates**, VeritySpell searches for updates on the web. If there is a new version available, you can download the update file and install it. If you already have the last version, you will be notified.

### **About VeritySpell**

For general information about VeritySpell, such as version number, click on the menu item (**VeritySpell/About VeritySpell**).

On Oribi's website you will find answers to FAQs, as well as tips and tricks and videos. Go to **www.oribi.se** and click on the British flag.

## Keyboard shortcuts

When VeritySpell is active, you can use the following keyboard shortcuts:

⌘: (colon) Start the built-in spellchecker.

⌘, (comma) Access the VeritySpell settings.

**Up arrow** Go one step up in VeritySpell's list of suggestions.

**Down arrow** Go one step down in VeritySpell's list of suggestions. If the selected word is the last word in the list of suggestions, pressing the **down arrow** key will cause another suggestion to be shown (corresponds to a click on the **Show more** button).

**Enter** Replace the word in your document with the selected word in the list of suggestions (corresponds to a click on the **Change** button).

**Right arrow** Go to VeritySpell's next stop in the text (corresponds to a click on the **Next** button).

## Technical information

### System requirements

For VeritySpell to work, your computer must meet the following requirements:

- Mac OS X 10.6 (Snow Leopard) or later;
- CD-ROM drive;
- At least 8 MB free RAM;
- At least 20 MB free harddisk space.

VeritySpell for Mac, in its present version (November 2012), works alongside

- Pages '09, version 4.0 or later,
- Microsoft Word 2008 or later.

For an up-to-date list of word processors that work with VeritySpell for Mac, please visit [www.oribi.se](http://www.oribi.se) and click on **Support/FAQ Mac**.

### Uninstalling

To uninstall VeritySpell, move *both* the VeritySpell program and the VeritySpell service (which enables using VeritySpell spellchecking in the built-in spellchecker) to the Trash. The VeritySpell program is located in the **Applications** folder and the VeritySpell service, which is called **OribiSpell.service**, is located in the **System/Library/Services** folder.

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