

Check command

The **check** command was released in October 2019 as part of WebSpellChecker 5.5.4x. It combines all available check types (spelling and grammar) of text in a single command.



Command name: check

Entry point

`https://your_host_name:443/virtual_directory/api?`

Here is a list of all possible parameters and values that can be used with the **check** command.



The list of parameters can be used and is available only when a spelling **check is enabled**. These parameters are marked yellow.

| # | Parameter | Possible values | Default value | Description |
|----|-------------------|---|---------------|---|
| 1 | format | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• json• xml | json | The parameter sets a response format for output data. |
| 2 | callback | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• callback function name | | The parameter specifies a callback function name that will be used to manipulate the JSON data received from the server. Such an approach enables sharing of data, bypassing same-origin policy. It can be used only along with "format=json". |
| 3 | text | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• plain text | | The parameter defines a text which will be sent for check. The text has to be in the UTF-8 encoding. Any found tags in the text will be interpreted as plain text as well. Note, that you shouldn't use # and & symbols in the text. |
| 4 | tokens | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Array of strings, e.g. ["This is a sentence number 1.", "This is a sentence number 2."] | | The parameter defines a text separated into tokens that will be sent for check. The text should be presented as an array of strings. Right now, each string is a token which equals one sentence. <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> You can use either tokens or text at a time in a request. However, using text is more common.</div> |
| 5 | lang | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported languages | en_US | The parameter sets a short code of a language which will be used for check. |
| 6 | disable_spelling | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• true• false | false | The parameter regulates whether to check text for spelling errors. |
| 7 | disable_grammar | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• true• false | false | The parameter regulates whether to check text for grammar and style problems. |
| 8 | user_dictionary | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• user dictionary name (e.g. testdict) | | The parameter specifies a user dictionary name which will be used during check spelling. |
| 9 | user_wordlist | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• additional wordlist | | The parameter provides the list of additional comma-separated words which will be used for spell checking. |
| 10 | custom_dictionary | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• custom dictionary IDs (e.g. 100694) | | The parameter specifies global custom dictionary IDs which can be used during check spelling. <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; width: fit-content;"> Each new Dictionary on the creation obtains its unique Dictionary ID. You can find information about your custom dictionaries by logging in to your account panel on webspellchecker.com website (Login → Dictionaries → List of Custom Dictionaries).</div> |

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|----|---------------------------|---|-------|---|
| 11 | ignore_all_caps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 – Do not ignore all words written in capital letters (e.g. UPPERCASE). 1 – Ignore all words written in capital letters. | 0 | The parameter regulates whether to ignore capitalized words or not. |
| 12 | ignore_words_with_numbers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 – Do not ignore words that contain numbers (e.g. Number1). 1 – Ignore words that contain numbers. | 0 | The parameter regulates whether to ignore words containing numbers or not. |
| 13 | ignore_mixed_case | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 – Do not ignore words with mixed case letters (e.g. MixedCase). 1 – Ignore words with mixed case letters. | 0 | The parameter regulates whether to ignore words written with mixed case letters or not. |
| 14 | ignore_domain_names | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 – Do not ignore web addresses that start with either "www", "http:" or "https:" and end with a domain name. 1 – Ignore web addresses and domain names. | 0 | The parameter regulates whether to ignore domain names, web addresses or not. |
| 15 | min_word_length | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> minimal number of letters in a word to be checked | 3 | The parameter specifies the minimal number of letters in the word which will be checked for spelling. E.g. if 3 is specified, the words with 2 letters and less will be ignored. |
| 16 | custom_punctuation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> string of chars (e.g. "-") | - | The parameter defines a list of characters that should be considered as delimiters during spelling check. |
| 17 | short_answer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> true false | false | <p>The parameter is responsible for shortening every static string JSON key name, like messages or type, down to its first character, like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>m - matches, message</i> <i>o - offset</i> <i>l - length</i> <i>t - type</i> <i>r - rule</i> <i>s - suggestions</i> |

Response structure

The **result** is an array of objects which contains matches, where **matches** is also an array of objects consisting of attribute-value pairs.

The table below represents the following attribute-value pairs:

| Attribute | Type | Value | Description |
|--------------------|------------------|---|-------------|
| type | string | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> spelling grammar | |
| offset | number | | |
| length | number | | |
| ud | boolean | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> true | |
| suggestions | array of strings | | |

Type: Spelling

```
{  
    "result": [  
        {  
            "matches": [  
                {  
                    "type": "spelling",  
                    "offset": X1,  
                    "length": Y1,  
                    "ud": true,  
                    "suggestions": [ "..."]  
                }  
            ]  
        }  
    ]  
}
```

Type: Grammar

```
{  
    "result": [  
        {  
            "matches": [  
                {  
                    "type": "grammar",  
                    "offset": X2,  
                    "length": Y2,  
                    "rule": "...",  
                    "message": "...",  
                    "suggestions": [ "..."]  
                }  
            ]  
        }  
    ]  
}
```

Example 1.1 [GET]: Check request for American English text with all available check types (output in JSON)

Request URL (GET):

```
http(s)://server_entry_point/?cmd=check&text=this sampl text demonstrates the work of the Web API service.  
&lang=en_US&format=json
```

Parameters:

- Command: *check*
- Text: *this sampl text demonstrates the work of the Web API service.*
- Language: *en_US*
- Format: *json*

Request Response:

```
{
  "result": [
    {
      "matches": [
        {
          "type": "spelling",
          "offset": 5,
          "length": 5,
          "suggestions": [
            "sample",
            "sampled",
            "sampler",
            "samples",
            "ample",
            "amply",
            "scamp",
            "stamp"
          ]
        },
        {
          "type": "grammar",
          "offset": 0,
          "length": 4,
          "rule": "UPPERCASE_SENTENCE_START",
          "message": "This sentence does not start with an uppercase letter",
          "suggestions": [
            "This"
          ]
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

Example 1.2 [GET]: Check request for American English text with all available check types (output in XML)

Request URL (GET):

```
http(s)://server_entry_point/?cmd=check&text=this sampl text demonstrates the work of the Web API service.
&lang=en_US&format=xml
```

Parameters:

- Command: *check*
- Text: *this sampl text demonstrates the work of the Web API service.*
- Language: *en_US*
- Format: *xml*

Request Response:

```

<result>
    <result>
        <matches>
            <matches>
                <type>spelling</type>
                <offset>5</offset>
                <length>5</length>
                <suggestions>
                    <suggestions>sample</suggestions>
                    <suggestions>sampled</suggestions>
                    <suggestions>sampler</suggestions>
                    <suggestions>samples</suggestions>
                    <suggestions>ample</suggestions>
                    <suggestions>ampliy</suggestions>
                    <suggestions>scamp</suggestions>
                    <suggestions>stamp</suggestions>
                </suggestions>
            </matches>
            <type>grammar</type>
            <offset>0</offset>
            <length>4</length>
            <rule>UPPERCASE_SENTENCE_START</rule>
            <message>This sentence does not start with an uppercase letter</message>
            <suggestions>
                <suggestions>This</suggestions>
            </suggestions>
        </matches>
    </result>
</result>

```

Example 1.3 [GET]: Check request for American English text as two tokens with all available check types (output in JSON)

Request URL (GET):

`https://server_entry_point/?cmd=check&tokens=["this sampl text.", " It demonstrate the work of the Web API service."]&lang=en_US`

Parameters:

- Command: `check`
- Tokens: `["this sampl text.", " It demonstrate the work of the Web API service."]`
- Language: `en_US`
- Format: `json`

Request Response:

```
{
  "result": [
    {
      "matches": [
        {
          "type": "spelling",
          "offset": 5,
          "length": 5,
          "suggestions": [
            "sample",
            "sampled",
            "sampler",
            "samples",
            "ample",
            "amply",
            "scamp",
            "stamp"
          ]
        },
        {
          "type": "grammar",
          "offset": 0,
          "length": 4,
          "rule": "UPPERCASE_SENTENCE_START",
          "message": "This sentence does not start with an uppercase letter",
          "suggestions": [
            "This"
          ]
        }
      ]
    },
    {
      "matches": [
        {
          "type": "grammar",
          "offset": 4,
          "length": 11,
          "rule": "IT_VBZ",
          "message": "Did you mean demonstrates?",
          "suggestions": [
            "demonstrates"
          ]
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

Example 1.4 [GET]: Check request for American English text as two tokens with all available check types and shortened response (output in JSON)

Request URL (GET):

```
https://server_entry_point/?cmd=check&tokens=[ "this sampl text.", " It demonstrate the work of the Web API service." ]&lang=en_US&short_answer=true
```

Parameters:

- Command: *check*
- Tokens: *["this sampl text.", " It demonstrate the work of the Web API service."]*
- Language: *en_US*
- Format: *json*
- Short Answer: *true*

Request Response:

```
{
    "r": [
        {
            "m": [
                {
                    "t": "spelling",
                    "o": 5,
                    "l": 5,
                    "s": [
                        "sample",
                        "sampled",
                        "sampler",
                        "samples",
                        "ample",
                        "amply",
                        "scamp",
                        "stamp"
                    ]
                },
                {
                    "t": "grammar",
                    "o": 0,
                    "l": 4,
                    "r": "UPPERCASE_SENTENCE_START",
                    "m": "This sentence does not start with an uppercase letter",
                    "s": [
                        "This"
                    ]
                }
            ]
        },
        {
            "m": [
                {
                    "t": "grammar",
                    "o": 4,
                    "l": 11,
                    "r": "IT_VBZ",
                    "m": "Did you mean demonstrates?",
                    "s": [
                        "demonstrates"
                    ]
                }
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

Example 1.4 [POST]: Check request for American English text with all available check types (output in JSON)

Here we use the same request and parameters as described in **example 1.1** but form it as a POST request.

Request URL (POST):

`https://server_entry_point/?`

Body (Raw):

`cmd=check&text=this sampl text demonstrates the work of the Web API service.&lang=en_US&format=json`

Request Response:

```
{  
  "result": [  
    {  
      "matches": [  
        {  
          "type": "spelling",  
          "offset": 5,  
          "length": 5,  
          "suggestions": [  
            "sample",  
            "sampled",  
            "sampler",  
            "samples",  
            "ample",  
            "amply",  
            "scamp",  
            "stamp"  
          ]  
        },  
        {  
          "type": "grammar",  
          "offset": 0,  
          "length": 4,  
          "rule": "UPPERCASE_SENTENCE_START",  
          "message": "This sentence does not start with an uppercase letter",  
          "suggestions": [  
            "This"  
          ]  
        }  
      ]  
    }  
  ]  
}
```