

Remember that the real use of Spell-Master is not always in correcting spelling mistakes. Few people are expert typists, especially on a lightweight portable such as the Z88. Spell-Master can detect typing errors just as well as spelling mistakes and can ensure that text entered on the Z88 is correct before it is transferred to other computers.

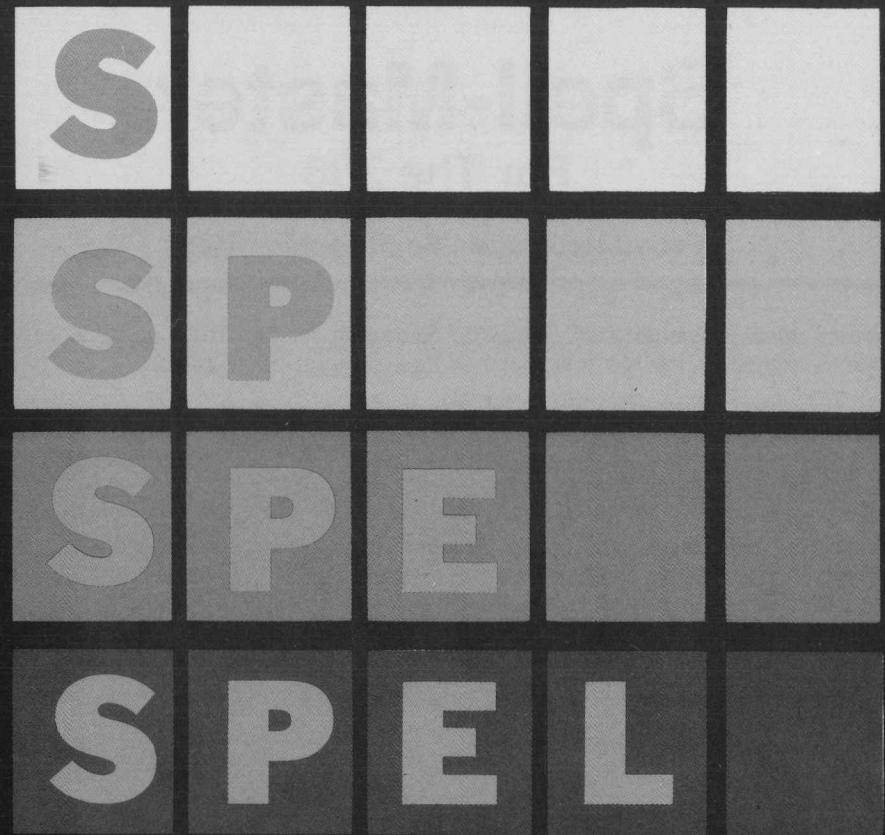
Spell-Master is more powerful than many spelling checkers provided on full-blown micros, and certainly more convenient.

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Spell-Master

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Based upon our enormously successful equivalent for the BBC and Archimedes micro-computers, this has now been re-written to work on the Z88.

Spell-Master consists of a 128K ROM cartridge that plugs into one slot on the Z88 and so is permanently available - no special loading of programs etc.

Using the built-in editor, Spell-Master provides check-as-you-type, along with fast and simple text entry. This check-as-you-type mode (which may be switched off) continuously monitors words as they are typed, or subsequently edited in any way, and beeps when it thinks a word is either mistyped or misspelt. Any other warning would be too disruptive to continuous typing. The user may at any time go back and re-check any word or indeed any part of the text. When Spell-Master encounters an unrecognised word it presents a menu of five possible actions:

- 1) Ignore word
- 2) Add word to user dictionary
- 3) Guess correct word
- 4) Change word
- 5) Select word from dictionary

The first option is obvious. The second will add the identified word to the user dictionary, so that from that point on Spell-Master will accept this word as correct. The third option attempts to guess what the word should be, displaying a short list from which the user simply selects the required word. The majority of mistyped or misspelt words are correctly guessed by this routine.

The last two options let the user change the word to another typed in, or another selected from any word in the dictionary.

In addition there are facilities for solving crosswords, anagrams, listing words that sound like others, browsing through the dictionary. These features are available via a 'pop-up' from any program on the Z88. Wild card characters can be included in the word search facility, '#' for any single character, '*' for any number of characters. For example doing a search on FR#A* will find all words that start with FR and have A as their fourth letter. Searching for COMP* will list all words that start with COMP. Because the entire dictionary is in ROM, the search through all 60,000 words takes under 20 seconds, usually only one to two.

The main Spell-Master features include:

- ⇨ A vocabulary of almost 60,000 words in ROM.
 - ⇨ Optimised English dictionary - *not* American English.
 - ⇨ A user's extension dictionary which allows words to be added.
 - ⇨ The user dictionaries can be edited, like normal text.
 - ⇨ The user dictionaries can be saved and loaded to and from file or other computers, as ASCII files.
 - ⇨ A fast word search, available as a pop-up from all programs, searches through the ROM and user dictionaries for any of the following:
 - Words that sound like the one specified.
 - Words that are spelt approximately like that specified (ideal for guessing the correct spelling to replace a mistyped word).
 - Words that have one or more letters missing (crossword solutions).
 - Words that have the correct letters, in the wrong order (anagram solutions).
 - ⇨ A browse facility for looking through the dictionary.
 - ⇨ A built-in text editor. A simpler more straightforward text editor than Pipedream. This editor offers the following:
 - Fast scrolling.
 - Read and write Pipedream text files.
 - Block delete, move and copy.
 - Insert or Overwrite modes.
 - Pipedream-like deletes - backward, forward, word, line etc.
 - Logical standard editing features including:
 - Automatic word wrap to next line.
 - Lines can be split by pressing RETURN at any point.
 - Lines may be joined by deleting back from the line start.
 - Check-as-you-type, without slowing down typing.
 - Spell check entire text at 5000 words per minute.
 - Check word at cursor.
 - Check text from cursor onwards.
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