

Automated Detection of Writing Inaccuracies for Students of English in Russia

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 Models are roughly based on the most common types of mistakes in REALEC

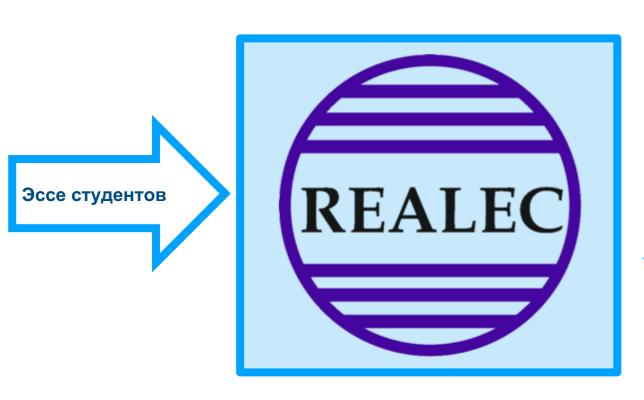
 Models are developed and adjusted using real examination essays Total 14500 texts/3620994 words



Exam 5965 texts/1412169 words

Total 13592 annotated texts

Экосистема ADWISER







- Экспертная разметка
- Наблюдения
- Выявление паттернов ошибок
- Сбор данных для тестирования моделей

- тестирование гипотез
- автоматическая детекция ошибок
- сбор данных



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- студенты
- аннотаторы
- администраторы корпуса
- исследователи лингвисты



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ADWISER Создание моделей

- 1) Выявление паттернов ошибок, составление списка подозрительных контекстов
- 2) Частеречная разметка текстов с помощью TreeTagger
- 3) Составление регулярных выражений для Python3
- 4) Экспертная разметка выявленных случаев и улучшение моделей, уточнение списка подозрительных контекстов

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def patt():
    #context Verb/aux + ,(?) + wh-word(+ whether + if) + aux + NP + VP
    start = '(?:<[^>]+?\sV...>)(?:,\sPUN)?(?:<[^>]+?\s(?:AVQ|PNQ|DTQ)>|<[whether|if]\s.+?>)' +\
        '(?:<[^>]+?\sV[B|D|H|M].>)'
    #1: all verbs, 2: comma, 3: wh-words + whether&if, 4: auxiliaries (be, do, have, modal)
    noun_phrase = nounp()
    verb = '(?:<[^>]+?\sV...>)'
    pattern = start + noun_phrase + verb
    return pattern
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sentence	words between IN and NUM	
From 5% in 1940 the percentage of serious began to fall and only in the period between 2000 and 2020 it has returned to this previous point	0	1
For the next ten years in Sweden the quantity of the old people have been falling and then, in 1990, rised to 20% in 2010	0	1
While in 50-s there were a few of obese - only 4%, in 2010 the percentage of thick old people has reached an awful number of 60%	0	1
Overall, total amount of old people significantly have increased in times from 1940 to 2040 in three countries	0	1
As we see it on one of the charts in 1999 France have visited about 11 millions of UK visitors	0	1
To summarize, in the last 60 years the proportion of obese people have started to grow, while ideal or underweight category have become remarkably lower	1	0
Overall, within the information provided it can be said that in the last hundred years the proportion of population 65-year-olds and older in Japan, Sweden and in the USA has increased	1	0
This graphs might be construed to define, how the way of life have changed in the last 60 years	2	0
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ADWISER Mistakes in tense forms

- From 5% in 1940 the percentage of serious began to fall and only in the period between 2000 and 2020 it has returned to this previous point
- Sweden and USA had a similar figures, but the gap between them has become larger during the period between 2000 and 2010.
- While in 50-s there were a few of obese only 4%, in 2010 the percentage of thick old people has reached an awful number of 60%

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you have used the
wrong form of the
verb together with
time indication

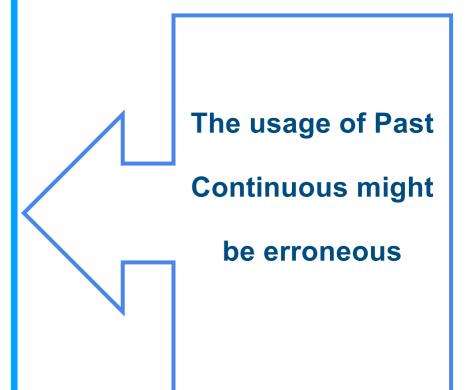
Model description:

Present Perfect contexts followed by an indication of a precise moment in the past Present Perfect clause + <0-4 words> + in +

((last|few|recent)* + NUM + (years|days)) etc

ADWISER Mistakes in tense forms

- To sum up, the world level of unemployment was fluctuating between 2014 and 2015, but in areas of developing countries the rate was decreasing during the period.
- To conclude, we may see that in 1950 inhabitants of Newtown were tending to have an ideal weight over their whole life in contrast to people from 2010, which had tendency to have an obese weight.
- In 2012 about 150 million users were browsing Facebook on their desktop computers.



Model description:

Past Continuous contexts followed by an indication of a precise moment in the past

Past Continuous clause + .. + NUM + .../during the period/this year etc

ADWISER Mistakes in Past Continuous

1st results: 42 contexts, 70% accuracy

- expanding the list of possible time indications
- expansion of the model scope

2nd results: 48 contexts, 80% accuracy

- It should be mentioned, that the increasing of the life duration can lead to huge ecological problem.
- Speaking about our experience and its role in our life, I can say, that sometimes we are able to avoid our genes and to be as well as we want to be.
- And most of us do not understand, why it is so expensive.

You may have used a redundant comma in this sentence

Model description:

Extra comma before a subordinate clause
Noun phrase + .. + verb + , + conj

1st results: 659 contexts, 94% accuracy

- expanding the list of triggers
- several subordinate clauses

2nd results: 648 contexts,96% accuracy

- For several reasons which I will mention below I explain why do I think so.
- Additionally, no one can decide what should people do or not do.
- I don't know what can I do now.

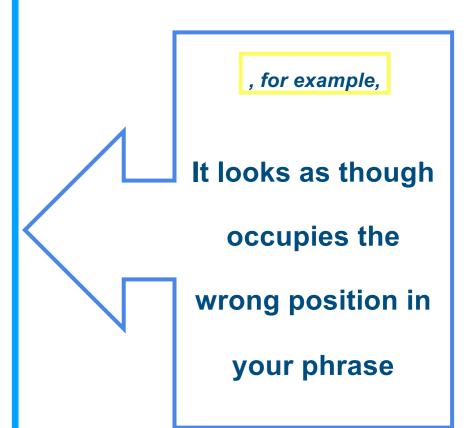
Something seems
to be wrong with
the word order in
this sentence

Model description:

Inversion in subordinate clause

Wh-word + V + NP + V_aux - We need to know why did the level of crime boost up

- People who obtain important posts just have no alternative but jet or plane if they have to get to, for example, the USA from Russia.
- The second argument is that oftenly one can find in the internet things, which one can't buy, for example, old publications or old films and music, etc.
- Also it is possible to reach their, for example, workplaces not using private cars but going there by feet.



Model description:

Misplaced logical connectors

NP + PREP + logical connector + Noun - I went from, for example, St. Petersburg to Moscow

1st results: 21 sentences, 67% accuracy

- semicolons

2nd results: 24 sentences, 75% accuracy

- what in NP

- expansion of the model scope

3rd results: 27 sentences, ~100% accuracy

ADWISER Mistakes in Tense Forms

- In conclusion I want to say that moving business and employing workers in developing countries have a big number of disadvantages and if we will think not only about nearest future we will understand that it is bad for people who live in both types of countries when companies make unequally between developing and developed countries at the situation like this.
- For example, the polar bears would have no place to hunt, if icebergs slide.
- There is no need to leave criminals in prisons forever, but it would be better if we care of our safety more.

You may have
used the wrong
form of the verb in
the condition.

Model description:

Conditionals

if + NP + will/would -It would be better if the herbalist makes a remedy specially for you.

if + NP + VP + NP + would/V1 -If we achieve it, this problem would be solved.

1st results: 27 sentences, 85% accuracy

- what if, because if
- if in reported questions
- would like

2nd results: 29 sentences, 69% accuracy

- more accurate regular expression

3rd results: 211 sentences, 96% accuracy

Barely you can, but the main character of the book I read, Sherlock Holmes, does it easily and the method he used to detect such thing was later called Holmesian deduction. inverted word
order in this
sentence.

Model description:

Inversion in constructions

Never/nowhere/barely/scarcely/few + NP + VP

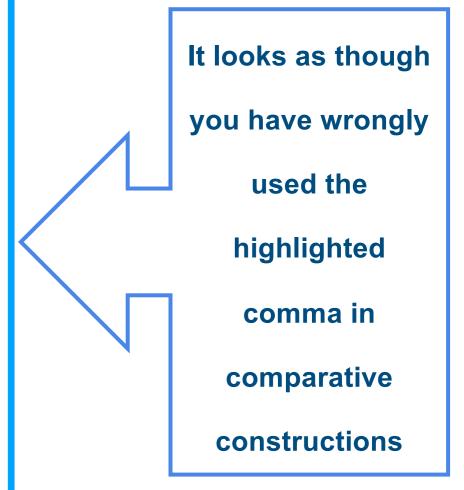
Had + NP + V3 + wh-/that/if? + would + NP + V1/have/V3

To sum up, it can be concluded, that during the 1940 and 2040 the percentage of population in three countries rise differently, espassially in Japan, the nation become more aged, than in the USA and Sweden.

It is obvious, that first subway was opened in capital of Great Britain, than it take more, than one hundred and thirty years to open it in Los Angeles.

But in fact, we face architecture much more often, than other kinds of art.

The US have the biggest average health spending per person, it equals 6 719 dollars, and the life expectancy is only two years less, than in Netherlands.



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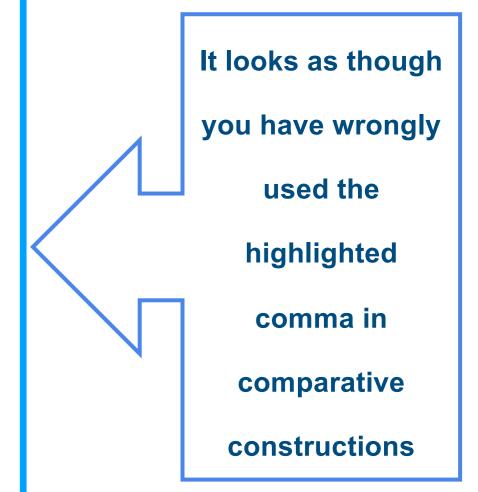
(more/less {+ ADJ/ADV}) / ADJ-er / ADV-er + {[1,7] words + } comma + than

Than .. than - incorrect stucture with than

So, it can be seen that than further go technologies, than more people will use them.

Using *than* instead of *then*:

The curves, belonged to the USA and Sweden went similarly until 1990, than there was a significant growth of elderly people rate in Sweden, which fluctuated from 2010 to 2020 and then continued to rise.



Model's accuracy:

~94% of the output was correct, other "wrong" answers are not wrong from the English grammar's point of view, but there is some work to make the model more accurate, still

For instance, 56 and over aged people seemed to work more than in 1998 in all spheres, except such hard work, as building.

At this point, you view on life is challenged, and such stress, as bullying, may lead to frustration and depression in this period of life, which is not what you want from a school.

For example, such activities, as running and doing morning exercises do not involve some extra facilities.

Those people, who consider that we can improve our health to increase the number of **such** facilities, **as** gums, stadions, swimming pools and so on, say that if there were right amount of such facilities, people would go to them more frequent than now.

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comma in
constructions
such/as/like ... as

Model description:

such/as+ {[0,20] words + } comma + as + [0,20] words {+ comma} OR

comma + *like*+ [1,10] words {+ comma}

Examples of the sentences that helped us make the decision of omitting comma + *like*+ [1,10] words {+ comma} model

Sentences that are correct:

There are reasons for throwing the idea away, like social environment.

Sometimes child can grab or taste something, while parents do not see, and it may lead to a bad consequences, like stomachache, hand cutting or he can hurt his leg.

Usage of like instead of namely:

The line graph illustrate the number of people aged 65 and over in some countries, like Japan, Sweden and USA in the percontage from 1940 to 2040.

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Model's accuracy

after the first check of the programme's output we decided to delete the model comma + like+ [1,10] words {+ comma} because of the uncertainty of punctuation rules in English

the output reduced by 9 times, but became ~98% accurate

Moreover the part of young people will be reduce in both countries.

However is it right?

On the other hand there are ather group of people who claim that ut will have a little effect on public healt.

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used the
highlighted
comma with
introductory
phrases

Model description at the beginning of the sentence: (From+ [1,3/5] words + point of view/viewpoint/perspective) / (In + + [1,3] words + opinion) / (To + my/your/his/her/our/their + mind) / For example/For

instance/However/Nevertheless/Consequently/Moreover/On the other hand/In other words/Surprisingly/Unsurprisingly/Hopefully/Interestingly/Obviously/To sum up/Thus/Of course

Stealing about rural areas, we can see, that however number of people, who use Internet access in their places, less than in urban areas, it still increases.

Most of them interact and coexist, for instance in Moscow, we can see old churches preserved till now near modern skyscrapers.

I'm convinced that transport in future will be able to transport people as fast as information, for example e-mails of messages in Skype, now.

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Model description in the middle or in the end of the sentence: (from+ [1,3/5] words + point of view/viewpoint/perspective) / (in + [1,3] words + opinion) / (to + my/your/his/her/our/their + mind) / for example/for instance/however/nevertheless/consequently/to start with/moreover/on the other hand/in other words/hopefully/in conclusion/to sum up/thus/of course

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Check your text for errors!

Annotation result:

Kids can not understand, why their parents not always be with them.

So, we can't say, that these types of transport hurms our environment less, than planes.

If artist will continue use their enormous freedom, whole world will go to chaos and darkness.

If we will inclined to believe this forecast, the electronic books will never replace the printed one on the market.

Never in my life I've been happier with technical progress than nowadays, when I am far away from home and have only one option to see my family and friends - by Skype.

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The tendency of investing money by developed countries is different: from 2006 to 2008 the sum The tendency of investing money by developed countries is different: from 2006 to 2008 the sum was increasing, in 2009 the number dropped, from 2010 to 2011 the sum was growing again and from 2011 to 2013 the sum was decreaing. When the data of the USA and Sweden

was growing up to 15%, the 65 years old population in Japan was levelling

out to 3% and stayed approximately the same from 1960 to 1990. Another interesting fact is that at the begining the population aged 65 was less in

China and the most in USA, but in 2040 the situation changed completely and the population aged 65 was the biggest in Japa

has always stayed

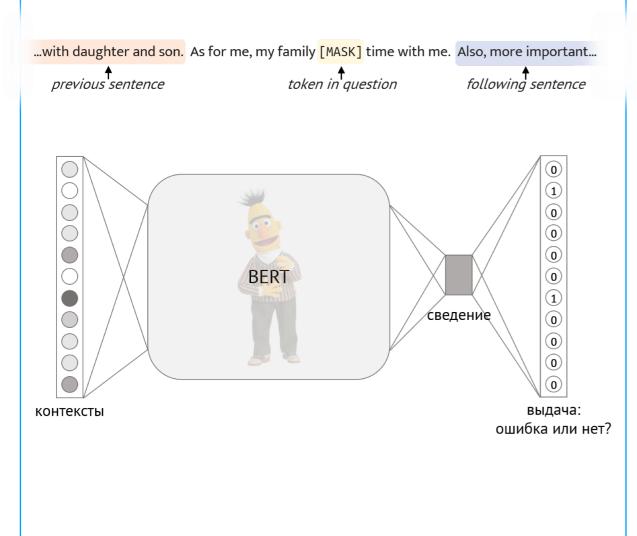
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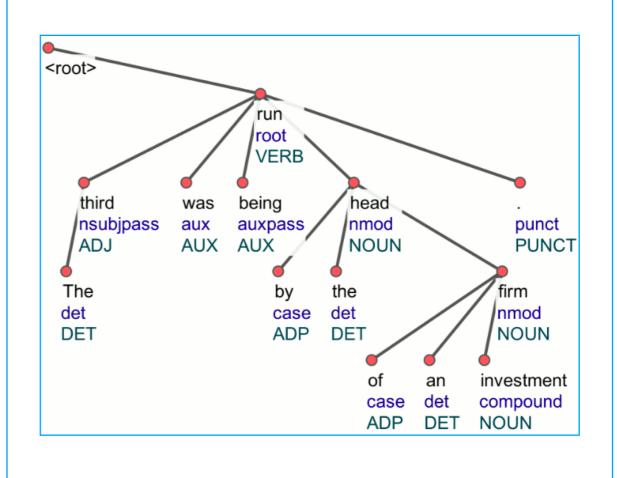
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RESEARCH PROSPECTS

1. Machine Learning Based Models using BERT developed by Ivan Torubarov



2. Syntactic structure annotation tools for greater precision developed by Irina Panteleeva



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RESEARCH PROSPECTS

- 1. Models developed for detection of Punctuation mistakes:
 - «, that» mistakes
 - «, than» in comparative constructions
- 2. Models developed for detection of Word Order mistakes:
 - questions in reported speech with inversion
 - no inversion in direct speech questions

- We have a large collection of English texts
- The texts are error-annotated
- Why not use it as a source of exercise material?

Step 1. Generate exercises from REALEC texts

REALEC Testing Platform

Quizzes Grades Questions Users IELTS Log Out



Apply tag and folder filter

Step 2. Create quiz from generated exercises

Select folder ▼

REALEC Testing Platform

Select error tag from REALEC ▼

+ Add questions from REALEC

Page:	
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■1. The issue of illegal copying and sharing music or films on the internet is the issue that is very popular nowa	adays. Some people hold a view that people doing it should be punished , while others do not support them. From my point of view, the second position is
right.	
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	all possible channels to become more popular and the lack of access to them will not let them to do it. However, there are some problems with illegal copying the cannot make new films or music because they are lack of money. The second one is that sometimes they do not understand how popular they really are,
5. These problems can actually be solved. As a solution, producers and musicians can allow to download som 6. People will listen to music or watch films for free and want to buy more of them. To sum up, illegal copying	ne of their products for free and ask money for some other. What is about the second problem, to my mind, it can be solved after the first one. g and sharing music and films is not such a big crime for which people should be punished .
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■10. This is actually about musicians and producers who are at the begining of their careers. They need to use copying.	all possible channels to become more popular and the lack of access to them will not let them to do it. However, there are some problems with illegal
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	g for it because everyone does exactly the same thing. To my mind, it's fair and morally justified to pay for someone's else work , no matter what type of work
	stand their audience. Secondly, intellectual property is protected by the law and everyone who doesn't follow the judiciary system's rules should be punished
Quiz name:	Folder name:
Create quiz ✓ Strip punctuation and parenthesis from submitted answers	Create folder

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Step 4. Review test results

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Results of user info hidden in Tense choice quiz

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Question	Submitted	Correct	Mark	Fraction of correct answers
Local landline calls reached a peak in 1999, having steadily risen before that year and losing position at almost the same rate afterwards. In general, we can see an increase in the total number of call minutes, and mobile calls have became				
significantly more popular in 2002 than in 1995, while other types of calls either had a relatively moderate increase, as national/international telephone calls, or maintained almost the same number of minutes in 2002 as in 1995 (local	■ Mark as	became	1.0	0.7272727272727273
landline calls)	new correct	boodiiio	1.0	0.72727272727270
Martinio Callo).	now contool	will increase:		
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ne lines of population in the USA and Sweden are going to be parallel again from 2027. American population increases from this moment from 16% to 23% in 2040, and the population of Sweden will grow from 18% to 25% in 2040. All in I, from this graph it can be concluded that the levels of the elderly population in Japan, Sweden and the USA is predicted to grow from 2030 rapidly		to increase;	1.0	0.6875
	new correct	1	1.0	0.0073
	new correct	1		
		increased;		
		is predicted		
		to increase		
The graph shows the information about proportions of the population aged 65 and over in three countries; Japan, Sweden , and the USA. The graph shows the period from 1940 to 2040. We can see that both lines go up from 7-9% to 15%	went	went;		1
1980. Overall proportion grows up at the end of the period. There is a tendency towards sharp increase in Japan and in the USA.	Mark as	had gone	1.0	0.8571428571428571
	new correct			
The graph provides data about the percentage of of people people 65 years old and over. It demonstrates a in this proportion from 1940 to 2040 in Japan, Sweden and the USA. It's clear from the graph that in every country in this	will increase	is expected		
comparison the percentage of people 65 years old and over would increase from 5%-10% in 1940 to approximately 25% in 2040. However, the time and pace of growing are different.	Mark as	to increase	0.0	0.0
companion are percentage of people of years on this over work increase noting to the approximately 20% in 2040. However, the time date page of growing the different	new correct	to increase		
It means that a person of a particular temperament will never be happy in the common meaning of the word. So, happiness is a thing that is normal for one person and that another may not have got To conclude, society needs happy people	make			
	Mark as	make	1.0	1.0
cause they made our existense better in many spheres. Nevertheless, the pursuit of happiness is unique for each person , and not everyone knows which path to follow.				
	will rise			
The group of people who are over 60, is more than the children group around 10%. as for the year 2050, the per cent of people who are over 60 rese gradually and will be equal to 42,3%, while the percent of children will be only 11,5. To	Mark as	will rise	1.0	0.5909090909090909
m up, the population of Yemen will have more young people and children while old part of population of Italy in period from 2000 to 2050 will totally increase from 24,1% to 42,3%.		:		
	has become	2		
Also we are always in a hurry and we want to eat fast. Fastfood become very popular in our life but it is not a healthy food. In my opinion, I think that there are a lot of ways to improve public health.	■ Mark as	has become	1.0	0.7142857142857143
	new correct			
	dominated			
There is another situation in Italy. The percentage of people aged 15-59 dominates in 2000 (61.6%) and will dominane constantly (46.2%) in the future.	■ Mark as	dominated	1.0	0.8636363636363636
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My cousin suffered from different diseases in his childhood. So that his parents enroll him to the voleyball club. As a result, he is so strong and never ill now.	Mark as	enrolled	1.0	0.73333333333333333
	new correct		I	

Our testing platform is currently available at http://realectestingplatform.pythonanywhere.com/

The source code can be found at https://github.com/nicklogin/realec testing platform

The testing platform relies on following instruments:

- Django web engine & database ORM
- REALEC Testmaker a tool for extracting exercises from annotated texts previously developed by our research group (https://github.com/nicklogin/REALEC-English-Test-Maker) - the code was modified a bit to be used as API
- NicEdit.js very simple and lightweight rich text editor for web (http://nicedit.com/)