

## Why you shouldn't write your posts in MS Word!

When you copy and paste text from MS Word it brings in lots of extra code.

Normally this makes your post's font and formatting look unattractive plus may add extra words you haven't written.

In extreme cases it can prevent your blog loading in Internet Explorer.

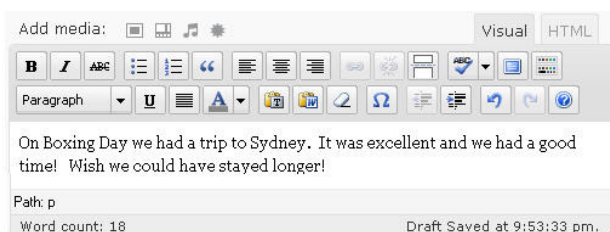
On Boxing Day last year. We left on a plane  
We arrived at Sydney at about 2pm were we  
China Town. They gave us a key and we too  
down then we walked to Darling Harbor.

This is what the text should look like!

At Darling Harbor there were gardens and pa  
and Red Rooster. Darling Harbor was huge, it  
world. There were lots of boats at the harbor  
because it's a tourist attraction. There was a fi  
was the main transport.

Instead you see mixture of weird text formatting

Below is a sentence that was written in Microsoft Word then copied and pasted into a blog post. Viewed using the Visual Editor it looks perfectly fine.



But click on the HTML tab - see how much code was transferred from MS Word by just copying and pasting one sentence.

Same can happen when you copy and paste text from emails, other word processor applications, websites etc.

Safest solution is always write your posts in your blog dashboard. However if you do need to copy and paste text into your post then the best method to remove any extra code is using a plain text editor like:

1. NotePad – PC (Programs > Accessories)
2. TextEdit – Macs

Just paste the text into the text editor and then copy the text from the text editor and paste into your post. This strips out all code and prevents formatting problems. Please note pasting into a text editor does remove all links to websites.

### NOTE:

There is a Paste from Word button inside your dashboard which is meant to be used for this purpose. However it doesn't always remove the extra code.

