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Dextrous or dexterous?

They are both adjectives and may be used interchangeably. They mean "skillful with hand, words or mind".

Examples are: 1. He mended the tear in my skirt with the dextrous [DEX trous] use of needle and thread. 2. She navigated her way around office politics with her dexterous [DEX tir rous] wit.

Poor English: Sometimes the dictionary is no used to correct my speech problems.

Standard English: Sometimes the dictionary is not useful for correcting my speech problems.

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