






Tech Quick Guide

	Typing Club 	Typing Lessons 	Typing Tutor 	Big Brown Bear 	Dance Mat Typing 
Type	APP	APP	APP	Website (Bookmark for quick access)	Website (Bookmark for quick access)
Cost	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Format (drill/game)	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill	Drill
Tracks Progress	Yes Sign in with Google to track progress	Yes Sign in with Google to track progress; Generates typing lessons matching your skills.	No	No	No
Calculates WPM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Accuracy %	No
Intended audience	Upper ES MS/HS	Upper ES, MS, HS	ES, MS, HS	ES	ES Ages 7-11
Visual Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large font for letters • Image of hands and finger accented with color • Correct letter typed turns green • Incorrect letter turns red 	Smaller letter size on keys, Use Zoom option to make larger	Displays one letter at a time	Virtual keyboard is color coded to assist in memorizing key positions Displays: Speed. Accuracy. Time Remaining. Current Level	Colorful characters Virtual color coded keyboard Hands/Fingers Use of images to show progress within the stage
Auditory Supports	No	No	No	Keystrokes have auditory feedback (old typewriter) 4 Levels 12 stages Well organized	Auditory cue when wrong key is pressed: "Type on Me" Me Next" when wrong key was typed Positive Reinforcement and reminders (Reminders to use home row keys with a British accent)

Negatives			Adds Displayed Virtual keyboard smaller than those on other typing apps	Does not track progress, set up other system to record student performance and current level	Animated characters humorous but are there too many "breaks" from typing?
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Typing Programs

Chrome Browser – Chrome Book

Students are being asked to compose writing pieces more and more using technology. Research has proven that a *“student whose keyboarding speeds were equal to or greater than their handwriting speeds were more proficient with narrative writing when using a word processor. The reverse of this was also demonstrated in that when a students’ keyboarding speeds were less than their handwriting speeds, they demonstrated less proficiency when word processing.”* (DeCoste, 2014)

Keyboarding is now essential for all. Help build your students’ automaticity when typing. Develop a routine for students to practice typing, at school and/or at home.

Bibliography

DeCoste, Denise; *“DeCoste Writing Profile, Evidenced-Based Research to Make Instructional and Accommodations Decisions”*; Don Johnston Incorporated, 2014, page 132.