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Arcademic skill builders typing games

By Marie Look Typing games are suitable for children as young as the age of elementary school, and are a great way to motivate children to get familiar with a keyboard. As word processing skills and the ability to easily navigate software and the internet become increasingly important in the job market, children who practice typing and other keyboard skills from an early age are quickly placed at a significant advantage over those who don't. Typing games that are fun and fun are often better learning motivators for children who don't respond well to more traditional and standardized typing lessons. As more universities and companies integrate computer-based technology into day-to-day operations, overall computer knowledge and keyboard skills become necessary to achieve success both at school and in an office environment. The use of typing games can dramatically improve a child's ability to type quickly without constantly looking at their hands. Children can also learn the importance and associated rewards, complete tasks accurately, improve their spelling skills and be able to navigate a computer's operating system. There are a variety of typing games for kids to choose from, including computer software programs and online games. Exercises can be key, hand or finger based, and come in the form of tutorials, exercises, activities, tests, or a combination. Many children's typing games feature characters and concepts easily appreciated by children, such as characters and friendly-looking animals, sports, cheerful music and bright colors. Choosing a game that reflects some aspect of the child's personality or interests could lead to more enthusiastic use and therefore better results. At an online retailer such Amazon.com, good software typing games can be purchased for a reasonable price. Two popular sports-related typing games are All-Star Typing from The Learning Company and Jumpstart Typing by Vivendi Universal Games. All-Star Typing is suitable for children 9 years and older and features basketball and football themes, while jumpstart typing features typing classes with climbing, skateboarding, bean and snowboard themes. Some software games with friendly animated characters include SpongeBob Squarepants Typing 2008 by Encore Software and Disney's Typing Adventures with Timon and Pumba, which is suitable for children 6 years and older. Another game, Typing Warrior by SelectSoft Publishing, is action-oriented, allowing children to blow enemies ashore, at sea and in the air, according to the product description in the A great benefit of online games is that many of them can be used for free. Learninggamesforkids.com provides links to a number of free online typing games, such as Novel Games Ghost Typing, a game for advanced beginners that focuses on speed and and the BBC's Dance Mat Typing, which is an introduction to typing for children aged 7 to 11 and an excellent game to familiarise a child with the keyboard home row. In Freetypingame.net, most typing games allow the child to select their level: beginner, intermediate or advanced. When Freonlinetypinggames.net, registered users (registration is free) can check their improvement by viewing how they rank with other users in a high score list. Try entering the phrase free online typing games into a search engine to find more games. An excellent way to assess a child's current typing skills is with a free online typing test. Often, the results of such a test can be used to determine appropriate typing games or typing software, based on the apparent strengths and weaknesses of the child. Enter the free online typing test phrase in a search engine to get a list of websites, and then choose a site and test that is best suited for your child. Dear Lifehacker, I type like a pro when I'm on a keyboard, but my skills on my smartphone and tablet don't match by far. I know I'll never be able to type so fast on a touch screen, but I'd like to at least feel competent. How can I improve my skills? Sincerely, Slow Poke TyperDear SPT, Typing on a touch screen is a very different experience. My dad, who types with a noticeable slowness on a keyboard, can easily increase his typing skills by switching to his iPad. Because experience changes the way we insert information, we have to take a different approach. This means learning a different approach to typing, finding our strengths with these new methods, and updating our virtual keyboards to add typing shortcuts that speed up the process, regardless of our talent. Find your strengths and places of comfort You can not type with all your fingers on a mobile phone, so you need to find out where your strengths are: typing with a finger or two thumbs. The same goes for many tablets, unless you have a version of 10 that allows enough space for both hands and all fingers (even if it's a bit tight). Personally, I can type faster on my smartphone with my index finger. I can move around the keyboard quickly, my errors are few enough that autocorrect pick them up, I have optimal accuracy because my finger is not angular, and I can see all the keys as I type. Typing a single finger works best when the phone is in portrait mode because you don't have to move your finger that far. This also means that the keyboard takes up much less so you can see content and not feel like the content above it is tight. More people, however, will feel comfortable typing two thumbs. By default, using two fingers should provide more speed because you can cover more ground at a faster pace. Because you will have to hold your phone from both sides, typing with your thumbs also provides a little more stability and a natural feel. Natural, in landscape mode will make life easier, of course, since the keyboard is larger. The downside is that your thumbs take up a lot of space and you will have more difficulty seeing the keys. If you don't feel the need to look at the keyboard, however, this won't be a problem. A method can come naturally for you, but try both for a period of time and see what is most productive for you. In addition to knowing your ideal approach to touchscreen typing, you need to find your most comfortable position. When we're typing on a desk or laptop, our position doesn't really change much. Our hands are forward and rest on the keyboard. We're not on the move. If we carried our laptops and tried to type while we were on the bus, our accuracy and speed would die. You have to look at typing on the touch screen of your phone in the same way and find the most comfortable position for you. Maybe you just need to sit or stand still while avoiding any shocking movement (like a bumpy bus ride), but chances are you'll find that the position of your arms makes a difference. Typing on a laptop works well because you can rest your arms comfortably and focus on moving your fingers to where they need to go. We often type in our smartphones while holding our arms with our own strength. While it doesn't require much, we have to spend additional effort to keep our mobile device. At first it won't make much difference, but as you start experiencing a bit of fatigue your typing speed and accuracy will decrease and you'll need to change your position. It helps to know which position works best immediately so you can default to it before committing a long email on your mobile. Find what works for you and you'll have an easier time typing well. Relearn how to type on a touch screen You may know how to type on a keyboard, but you are reading this post because you noticed that touchscreen typing is a different animal. For this reason, it helps you learn to type from scratch, and apps can help. On iOS, TapTyping (\$4) will help you practice. TypingWeb is a free web-based alternative designed for iOS, but it should work great on Android as well. Only on Android, My Typing Tutor (Free) and Type It! (Free) offer some interesting methods similar to the game to improve your touchscreen typing skills, but we're not sure how much they will really help in the long run. The practice of typing (Free), however, offers a simpler method of improving your skills. Typing apps can help because they can tell you where you made mistakes. That way, you can find the common ones and learn how to fix them. If you do not Use an application, however, you can just do it yourself by taking time to practice text typing blocks. Copy an article or page from a book. Enter a paragraph or two of the memory. Turn off auto-correction (instructions for Android and iOS) iOS) You can see your mistakes and find your weaknesses. The practice will improve your typing, but only if you are practicing well. Find out where you falter and you can improve at a faster pace. Get a better Keyboard The digital keyboard that comes with your iPhone or Android isn't bad, but that doesn't mean you can't improve. While iOS limits changing your keyboard, Android offers many alternative options. You may want to research some and find out which one is right for you, but from the end swiftKey has climbed to the top as a favorite keyboard upgrade on Android. A new keyboard can provide better predictive text features, gesture typing that lets you form words without lifting your finger, and more. Android 4.2 has added some of these features, but few devices have this update. Finding the perfect Android keyboard isn't an easy task — there are so many to choose from, and most... Read more While iPhone users will need to jailbreak and install Swype to get extra keyboard features, some apps exist only for faster text input purposes. These apps will allow you to type your text quickly and then send it to any other app you want. While this isn't ideal, it can save some time for some. Flecky (Free) is one of the best as it offers a standard keyboard layout with some amazing predictive text features. Basically, you can type each letter into a wrong word and will usually know what you meant. Jailbreaking is a process that changes little by little with each iOS update. Instead of always... Read moreUse text expansion You can only type so fast on a touch screen, so don't make your life harder than it has to be. Expanding text (or typing shortcuts), the typing miracle that lets you insert a small amount of text and make it expand to a longer block of text, saves long-term typing hours. We love it on desktop, and it's even more useful on mobile devices. On Android, Textspanion is our best choice for an app that can add this functionality throughout the system. As usual, iOS doesn't allow apps to change the system, but fortunately, Apple has actually added text expansion to iOS 5 (and up). Setting up some typing shortcuts can save you a ton of time typing phone numbers, your address, common emails, common phrases, and more. If you're not sure where to start, check out this post for some ideas. On a normal day, most of us type the same things over and over again, wasting a huge amount... Read moreSte on a touch screen will never offer the same speed and accuracy as a good hardware, but you can improve if you practice well and employ a few tricks. If you're still typing slowly, don't despair. Just take the time to figure out what works for you and you will increase your speed and accuracy before you realize it. Love, Lifehacker Have a question or suggestion for a future Ask Lifehacker? Send to to por Dan Zen e Pat (Clutch) Williams. Williams.