

Touch-typing Courses

Students with literacy difficulties may struggle to write legibly and at speed. Learning to touch type has many benefits including:

- **Supporting creativity and productivity:** the student can focus on ideas rather than the mechanics of writing and spelling.
- **Improving spelling and editing skills:** it gives access to a spell checker, autocorrect, grammar checkers, text-to-speech.
- **Developing sound-letter links:** some programmes use a multisensory approach that develops letter-sound association.
- **Helping to overcome fine motor difficulties:** it helps students to produce neater work, which raises their self-esteem.

| Name | Link | Cost | Age | Content |
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| BBC Bitesize Dance Mat Typing | Dance Mat Typing for 7 - 11 year olds - BBC Bitesize | Free | KS2 | A good introduction to keyboard skills. Engaging and colourful, but not in-depth. |
| Doorway Online | Doorway Online - a free and highly accessible typing educational game. | Free | KS2+ | Touch typing games covering keyboard skills and typing sentences. |
| TypingClub: Ed Club | Dashboard - EdClub | Free | KS2+ | US typing programme that includes words. |
| TypingClub: Jungle Junior | Jungle Junior - Typing for kids edclub | Free | KS1 | Jungle Junior helps younger students find letters on the keyboard |

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| Typing.com | Learn to Type Type Better Type Faster - Typing.com - Typing.com | Free | KS2 to adult | US based games and typing practise with spelling, speed tests and paragraph writing. |
| Touch Type Read and Spell | TTRS Home subscription | Paid | 7 to 16yrs | A course used by the British Dyslexia Association and recommended for dyslexic learners. It includes typing, phonics and dictation |
| Nessy Fingers Touch Typing | Nessy Fingers Touch Typing Nessy | Paid | 7 -12 yrs | A course typing words including spelling practise. Keys are introduced alphabetically. It follows a structured sequence of word lists from easy to complex. For students with dysgraphia, dyslexia and ADHD |
| KAZ Keyboard A-Z teaching | Learn to Type with Dyslexia, SEN Touch Typing Edition | Paid | From 6yrs+ | Developed with Dyslexia Research Trust. Covers typing and spelling. Offers National Ofqual Regulated Touch Typing Qualification (Level 1 & 2) |
| Time to Touch Type | Touch Typing Course For Kids Touchtyping.org | Paid | KS2/KS3 | Touch typing for students with dyspraxia and dyslexia. |
| English Type | Learn To Touchtype - Touch Typing Programmes UK EnglishType | Paid | From 7yrs to adult | Programme has a multisensory element and is described as special needs friendly |

The programmes are not listed in order of preference. This list is simply a starting point to aid schools in their research for a programme that would be suitable for their setting.