

Comparison of Keyboarding Program Features
The Keyboarding Dilemma
 Closing the Gap 2006

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Program	Price in dollars E-mail address	Platform	Customize	Auditory Feedback	Ages	Comments
All the Right Type 3	H-29.95 S- 49.95 L 5-149.95 SL unlimited- 695 www.ingenuityworks.com/iworks/main/products	Windows or Mac	Can select level to practice	A beep for errors and end of timed test. No other auditory feedback or music	4 th grade to adult	Very basic program with no frills.
Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing Version 16 Deluxe	H- 39.99 S 2- 69.95 L 6- 179.95 SL-25- 550 N 50- 699. www.broderbund.com	Windows or Mac	Teacher can set goals for student as well as language Spanish vs. English	Encouraging comments and directions, Background music can be selected or turned off,	4 th grade to adult	Student can be tested to determine the level of instruction needed. Letters are introduced without reference to corresponding fingers in the home row. Awkward combination of letters
Jump Start Typing	H- 49.95 S 2- 49.95 L 5- 129.95 SL 15- 325 N unlimited- 649 www.academicsoftwareusa.com	Windows or Mac	Can select level to practice and games to play.	Directions, clicking as you type and beep for errors, background music in games can be turned off.	Ages 7-10	Needs CD in drive. Letters are introduced without reference to home row. In lesson mode the letters are difficult to read due to black highlight. Awkward combination of letters
Type to Learn 3	H- 29.95 S- 79.95 L 10- 179.95 N unlimited- 799.95 SL unlimited- 799.95 http://storesunburst.com	Windows or Mac	Teachers can customize lessons	Directions, cues for correction, cues to continue, game sounds, encouragement.	3 rd to 12 th grade	Lessons link new letters to home key Moves quickly to word combinations for practice

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Program	Record keeping	Engaging features	Manual	Tech Support	Games
All the Right Type 3	Yes basic	Space theme	Within the program	On-line and phone support	4 games One game words move across screen, the rest of the games words are stationary
Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing Version 16	Extensive Speed, skill level, WPM, total time, key accuracy quiz/test	Large number of games, choice of background music	Available within the program	Available on website only or email only for home Schools have phone support	15 games. One game has common word combinations Games to improve rhythm accuracy and speed. Some games the letters are moving across the screen making it difficult to visually track
Jump Start Typing	WPM, accuracy for particular letters, numbers, symbols, fingers	Galactic Olympic competition theme Good graphics	On CD	On-line and phone support.	5 games Two of the game require you to visually track the letters as they move across the screen. With the other games letters are stationary but in changing locations.
Type to Learn 3	WPM, accuracy, lesson accuracy	Time travel theme Good graphics for lessons	Complete hard copy of manual	On-line and phone support	4 games/activities Games give factual information about history as rewards at the end. Letters are stationary and the student types the letters as they appear on the screen. Accuracy and speed are measured. Verbal cuing when wrong letter is typed. Dictation game

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