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**If your school is currently using Typing.com please take a moment to check out Typing Tournament Online. You will be surprised at just how capable and affordable this all Aussie product is!**

### **Mastery learning is the key**

When students learn to type it is important that they progressively explore the keyboard and not move on to work with new keys until the ones already introduced have been mastered in terms of both speed and accuracy goals.

With **Typing Tournament Online** the system manages each student's progression ensuring that they master keys in terms of speed and accuracy before presenting them with new keys. This means that teachers don't have to supervise the students to ensure that they are progressing optimally as **Typing Tournament** does this automatically for you.

With **Typing.com** students are free to move around the activities and choose what they will do next. Although the activities are structured the progression between them is not governed in any way. This means that teachers have to supervise students progression.

### **Ensuring the use of the right fingers on the right keys**

Our research indicates that one of the most important issues when teaching typing is for the teacher to ensure that the students are using the right fingers on the right keys.

**Typing Tournament Online** features significant scaffolding to actively guide students in the correct placement of their fingers before and whilst typing. This scaffolding significantly reduces the supervision load of the teacher

**Typing.com** has little scaffolding to address this issue. Consequently teachers will need to be spending much more time ensuring compliance.

### **Text used in the activities**

It is important that typing exercises use whole words and words in context as soon as possible as the skill being taught is the typing of words in context.

**Typing Tournament Online** progresses to the use of whole words and prose as soon as possible. The 38,000 word activity bank contains a vast array of carefully constructed and engaging texts that let children grow their typing skills by typing text of real interest.

**Typing.com** relies almost entirely on typing patterns of keys that are not words with only 3 keys focused on per lesson. This means that the exercises are easily typed with just two fingers and allows the reinforcement of poor typing habits. Once all the keys have been introduced it focuses on whole words which are then rarely used in context.

### **Mobile computing**

The inbuilt soft keyboards on mobile devices have many customised behaviours that make them unsuitable for typing tuition. E.g. they hide the “;” under “shift” and numerals under the “123” making it impossible to use them for typing tuition.

**Typing Tournament Online** cleverly solves these problems by substituting its own revolutionary, on-screen keyboard which has a standard layout and colour coding.

**Typing.com** uses the inbuilt soft keyboards on iPads and Android devices that hide the “;” under “shift” and numerals under the “123” making it impossible to use them for full typing tuition.



*When used on mobile devices the special on-screen keyboard with standard layout pops up. Kids can use the same keystrokes on mobile devices as they do on computer keyboards!*

Key differential feature comparison		Typing Tournament Online	typing.com
Didactic	Mastery Learning goals that regulate progress	✓	No
	Children locked out of activities that are too difficult for them	✓	No
	Students actively channeled through a structured learning experience	✓	No
	Progress governed by speed and accuracy goals	✓	No
	Multiple progression model that builds both speed and accuracy	✓	No
	Actively guides children for optimal learning	✓	No
	Target typing speed set with clear inbuilt strategy to attain it	✓	No
	Auditory support to assist beginning readers	✓	No
	Games linked to progressive skill level	✓	No
Motivation	Rewards at key progress goals	✓	No
	Engaging theme that the students work through	✓	No
	Overall goal that encompasses competent typing	✓	No
Typed Text	Uses full words as soon as sufficient keys are learnt	✓	No
	As soon as the vocabulary permits engages students in typing passages of text and not isolated words.	✓	No
	Engaging prose that motivates children to type through the exercises	✓	No
	Uses words in sentence context	✓	No
Right Fingers	Scaffolding to support the use of the right fingers on the right keys	Extensive	Limited
	Home Row Trigger to encourage children to place their fingers in the right place to start	✓	No
	Minimizes the one on one supervision load to ensure the right fingers on the right keys	✓	No
	Visual link between the actual key strokes and animated keyboard	Excellent	Poor
Other	Full mobile virtual keyboard enabling use of standard keys on iPad, Android and Surface tablets	✓	No
	Children in multiple classes	✓	No
	Export of data as CSV file for analysis	✓	No

## Motivation

**Typing Tournament Online** motivates children to progress through the use of a range of devices. Each drill and test completed earns an icon, each level completed fills in the identifying graphic and adds a piece to the jigsaw. Finally the Reward Movies play. Students can print their test certificates and other achievements. The whole experience is set in the medieval tournament setting with rich and engaging graphics.

**Typing.com** has little in the way of motivational rewards apart from stars earned. It has no overall story or goal.

## FREE 14 Day School Trial

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101-300 Students ..... \$298.....\$598

301+ Students ..... \$398.....\$749

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