

It is critical to be a speedy typist in today's world. Below are reasons why and two fantastic YouTube resources:

- Communicate faster
- Get your ideas down faster, without forgetting what the ideas were - typing almost as fast as you think
- Complete tasks quicker - homework, emails, reports, presentations, story writing
- Able to spend more time doing other things as a result of faster typing skills (hobbies, time with family, sports, etc.)
- Hunt-and-peck typing, or a slow typing speed, hinders learning and output
- Typing fast truly does help with the flow of ideas from your brain onto your computer - your thoughts are being typed out as you think them. Frequently, when I work with students who type slowly, they tend to forget their ideas because they are typing sluggishly and focusing intensely on hitting the correct keys.
- I have worked with many students who “know how to type,” but have never actually learned the proper way to type. Many times, in middle school, students do not follow the teacher's specific instructions for typing, instead choosing to learn in their own manner. As a result, they struggle to type quickly and often make mistakes when typing words.

Two recommended resources:

[Learn Touch Typing](#) - this is the first of a series of videos from Anson Alexander, on YouTube, who shows students how to type.

["How I Type REALLY Fast"](#) - this video is from Ali Abdaal on YouTube. In this video, he gives tips that he uses to speed up his typing. He is a doctor and an incredibly fast typer.