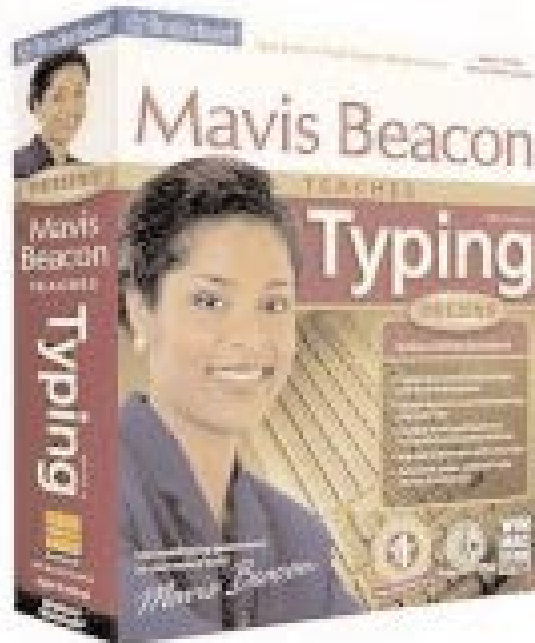


Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing

REVIEW

by Kelly Brockway and with the help of Janet Brockway



Hello I am Kelly and I am 11 years old, I received the “Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing - version 16” program and installed it on our mini-mac right away. I was excited. You see, I just started jr. high, 6th grade to be precise. Part of our technology curriculum at school is to learn how to type.

We use this very program at my school. So this should really help me accomplish our goal of learning how to type before I leave jr. high. Enough about me; on to Mavis.

We used to have version 9 on our old computer, so I was familiar with this program. I would like to say, I think this is a great tool to achieve mastering the keyboard without looking. I really like this program. I like the games, how you can see your wpm, the hands on the screen graphic, and the music a lot!

Even though I really like this program there are some things I don't like. For example, when you start the shift keys the program starts to time you. Maybe next time you can start at 0 and run up a clock until you finish the lesson because in order to do an untimed version, they don't time you at all. It would help you feel more accomplished if you completed the whole lesson and then continue on with wpm timings. A lot of kids at my school and myself feel rushed to finish each lesson.

I really like this program and it helps me a lot. It is fun, challenging, and a great tool. I hope you will take my suggestion and give Mavis a try. Thumbs up, Kelly.

Features Include:

- Adaptive Response Technology and extensive library of age and skill-appropriate program lessons build instruction around individual students' needs.
- Custom lesson designer allows teachers to import materials such as spelling words, vocabulary lessons, or literature excerpts.
- 24 New custom lessons On-screen hands demonstrate correct form with each keystroke 8 different games reinforce skills and motivate learning.
- On-screen and audio keyboarding instruction in English or Spanish (English lesson content) supports ESL learners.
- Classroom-focused progress tracking allows reporting on a class or individual student level.
- Printable progress reports are enhanced to quantify performance and benchmarks.
- Teacher Resource Binder includes 26 classroom lesson activities and 22 transcription and dictation exercises.
- One Hand Typing Method on-screen manual supports users with the use of only one hand.
- Ergonomic checklist wizard evaluates the ergonomic safety of your workstations.
- Downloadable Palm-powered handheld version available.
- Customised training for improving typing speed and accuracy.
- 150+ self-paced lessons; 10 fun arcade-style typing games.
- Download to a Palm OS handheld device for practising on the go.
- Track progress with detailed feedback and performance analysis.
- Bonus training CD with practical tips and hints within Microsoft Word included