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# **KAZ News**



## TEACHING TYPING SKILLS SINCE 1995

Welcome to the latest edition of the KAZ News.

There is so much exciting news to report, from our new iPad files to our latest award-winning VI edition of our software, developed with the guidance of the Thomas Pocklington Trust, a charity for the visually impaired and blind, and to working within the justice system in the US with our partner, goremoteUSA.

If you're new, welcome, and thank you for choosing KAZ. We are grateful for your trust in us and we hope that you have found liberation at your computer by learning this simple skill with our software.

To all our regular users, home, workplace, school, university and government-funded, we aim to support every individual with software and one which, if needed, truly tailors to their challenges.

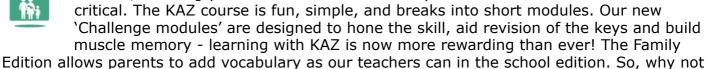
All our courses are now designed to be inclusive and accessible for mainstream, neurodivergent, hard of hearing and visually impaired users. We are proud to have won the Teach Secondary prize for best software SEND 2023 last November. We're not stopping there...since launch, the feedback from many of our blind learners is being incorporated into all our files as we speak and should be launched in the coming weeks, further enhancing the inclusivity and accessibility of our software.



Our new VI edition, developed with advice and guidance from the Thomas Pocklington Trust, is fully compatible with JAWS, most other screen readers, Zoom Text, SuperNova, and other magnifying hardware/software. It is also compatible with all captioning software. This new option has been added to all our courses at no extra cost, making it truly inclusive. We hope it will make learning this skill much easier for all.



Home edition - The holiday season is almost upon us again! Where did the early part of the year go? There is no better time to prepare your children for the year ahead. With Pearson already confirming that English in the UK will be introduced as a digital exam in 2025, teaching your children this modern-day 'life skill' has never been more



Edition allows parents to add vocabulary as our teachers can in the school edition. So, why not add the spelling lists for the year ahead and prepare your children for a head start into the new school year? All KAZ courses include UK and US/North American options (spoken instruction, vocabulary, and keyboards) and are available online via our servers or as a download. Access KAZ via your laptop, desktop, or even your iPad\*. Simply download KAZ from the App store.

\*We always recommend using a keypad or a docking station with tablets/iPads, and most importantly, always practise good posture!

Schools & FE /HE - Teachers can now add vocabulary or word lists for different groups.

Students will only access the additional vocabulary assigned to their group. Additionally, we have now incorporated the spelt word into the audio! Pupils see the word, hear it pronounced, listen to it spelt and then type it three times. The repetition of typing these words ingrains spelling to muscle memory, automating the skill, helping pupils recognise words by sight, and stopping the decoding process. This feature has been so successful

that it has now been integrated into all KAZ courses!

All our courses include two keyboard selections and audio styles - UK and US.

#### Our course is suitable for all QWERTY keyboards.

At KAZ, we believe in inclusive education. That's why our education licenses cater to all mainstream, neurodivergent, hearing, and VI pupils, allowing the whole class to learn together. We value the diversity of your students and have designed our courses to meet their unique needs. Pricing starts from just .80 pence/cents per student per annum, making it accessible for all.

### US schools, please download our W-8 form from our website.

Membership to BESA is the gold standard for all British education suppliers and assures users that the holder is a trusted supplier. NAACE is a community of educators, thought leaders and curriculum experts committed to supporting the effective use of education technology within schools.

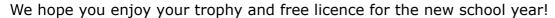




To order, please visit our website or email us: <a href="mailto:enquiries@kaz-type.com">enquiries@kaz-type.com</a>

## Touch typing tournament results are just in...

We are thrilled to announce that the **WINNER** of the KAZ Touch Typing Tournament 2024 is **St Paul's Girls' School,** London W6.





Why not enrol your school and get ready for the next tournament beginning in September 2024?

Business / Access to Work - KAZ's Business edition, a unique offering in the market, has



been a proven catalyst in increasing workplace efficiency and productivity for the past 30 years. Unlike other courses, we provide tangible evidence of a Return on Investment (ROI). Simply take a FREE typing test (see our website), input the data into our FREE ROI calculator (business page), and see the results for yourself. Our course is CPD/CE accredited and now



additionally offers a full qualification option. The addition of digital skills to a CV and/or your education record, not only enhances job opportunities but also instils a sense of value in employees. Additionally, our typing course is available for SCORM 1.2 compliant LMS. For more information, contact: sales@kaz-type.com.

#### Our course is used by Governments, FE/HE and leading businesses worldwide.

DSA/NMH - Our software is designed to be inclusive and accessible to all, and was developed with advice and guidance from the Thomas Pocklington Trust. It has been designed to be used independently but is also fully compatible with JAWS and most other screen readers, Zoom text, SuperNova, and other screen readers, ensuring a seamless user experience for all.

Our neurodiverse edition has proven to benefit individuals with Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dysgraphia, ADHD, ASD, Tourette's, Mears-Irlen Syndrome, hearing impairment, and now VI, amongst others. OTs and Assessors, please contact us for complimentary licenses, webinars, or booking CPD sessions directly via the DSA tab on our website, email sheraleen@kaz-type.com, or via the DSA reseller network.

Lastly, we have updated a few blogs, which are informative and inspiring and encourage you to brush up on your touch typing skills.

KAZ Type, BBC Schools Dance Mat Typing, and others

Bridging the Summer Learning Gap

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