# **TYPING TUTOR**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Many people ask about ways of improving their keyboard skills. There are many online typing tutors, some better than others, some free, some not.

One of those I use is Sense-Lang, whose web site is:

#### www.sense-lang.org



From the Home page, you can choose a Tutorial lesson, use a Game to practice your keyboard skills and even Test yourself.

The typing keyboarding tutorials are methodical, will give you an accuracy score and how many words per minute, but are a bit boring! The instructions are on the last page, if you want to get serious, but use a Game to improve your accuracy without the need to use the correct fingers.

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### 2. GAMES ~ SINGLE LETTERS



Click on Start Playing, ignore the advert, wait for the game to download.



Once you've clicked on **Start Playing** and waited for the game to download, then click on **Start** 

You won't need the mouse.

Note you can also change the type of keyboard – we use QWERTY, so leave it selected.

The idea is to press the correct letter on the keyboard to 'blow up' the meteor!





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They use a rather odd typeface, so when you see **†** it's a letter t !

When finished the game, then have another go by clicking on the **Play Again** button.

The higher levels, such as 5, have 2 or 3 meteorites coming at you at the same time!!

#### 3. GAMES ~ WHOLE WORDS

Once you've got the hang of where the letters are, then use a different game to practice typing whole words.



This time you need to type the whole word then press the **Space Bar** and the person jumps up to the next window...

## 4. TYPING TUTOR ~ SENTENCES



However, if you do wish to learn which fingers go where, then choose a Lesson from the Typing tutorial link. The early lessons get you to practice groups of keys rather than real words.

**Lesson 16** is the only one with proper words in.



Type the letters shown at the top of the screen. The letter you need will be shown in blue. If you make a mistake just type the correct letter and carry on.



Your results will be shown down the right side.

Here are the 'mid row' fingers, with the index fingers sitting over 'F' and 'J' but also doing 'G' and 'H'. Thumbs are used for the Space Bar.