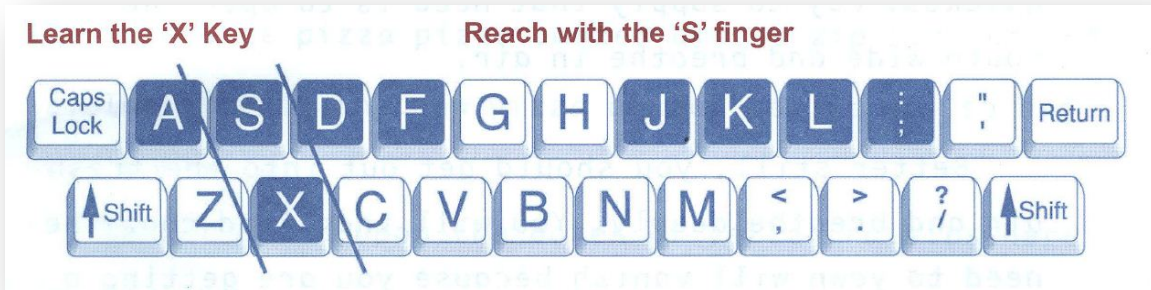


Keyboard Mastery Lesson 10 Tips

In Lesson 10, you'll work with two difficult reaches (X and Z) and one long reach (Y).

Let's run through the reaches before you practice them in the Keyboard Mastery program. You'll do the x reach first in Lesson 10, so let's start with it.



The reach to the x is from the s key with your left ring finger. Find the x and s keys on the left side of your keyboard. I find this reach difficult. It's similar to the reach from the l to the period with your right ring finger. As you reach your left ring finger down to the x, you may find that that your middle finger wants to reach down to the bottom row with your ring finger. If it helps, you can raise your left pinky slightly. If you have a sensitive keyboard, you may actually type another key by mistake as you're reaching for the x. You'll really need to concentrate on this one!

Watch as you move your ring finger down to the x from the s key. Now move your finger back to the s key. Watch your fingers as you do the reach a few more times. If you have to move your middle finger with your ring finger or lift your pinky slightly, do so, as long as you're able to strike the x key without pressing another key.

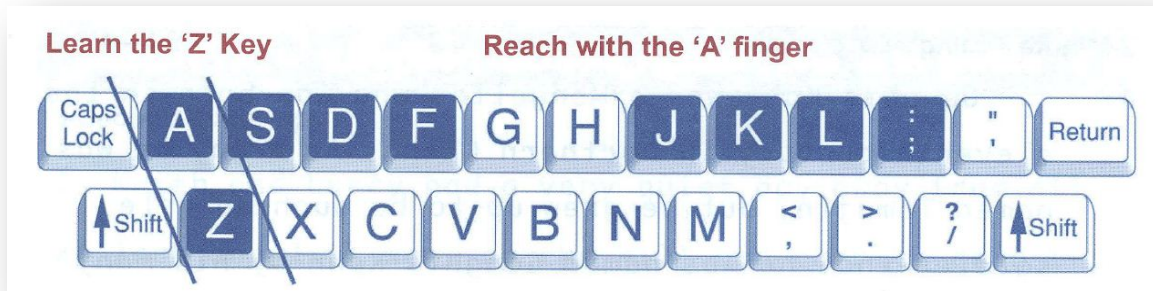
Now close your eyes and practice the reach from the s to the x at least 50 times. If you need to practice a few more times, that's okay.



Next you'll learn the reach to the y, which you type with your right pointer finger from the j key. Find the j and y keys on the right side of your keyboard, and let's practice.

Watch as you reach your right pointer finger up and over from the j key to the y key. Concentrate on keeping your other fingers curled on the home row keys as you move your pointer finger up to the y. Then straighten your finger to touch the key.

Watch as you practice this reach enough times to feel comfortable with it. When you're ready, close your eyes and practice the reach another 25 times.



The last reach in this lesson is the reach to the z with the pinky finger of your left hand. Find the a and z keys on your keyboard and let's try the reach.

Keeping your fingers slightly curved on the home row keys, reach your left pinky finger down from the a and touch the z with the tip of your finger; then return your pinky finger to the a key. Try to move just your pinky if you can.

Practice moving your pinky back and forth from the a to the z while looking at the keys. Do this about 10 times; then close your eyes and practice the reach 25 times to get the feel of the reach without looking at your keyboard.