

## Lesson 2 Tips

In Lesson 2, you'll learn the T, E, and H reaches.

The lesson starts with three 15-second warm-ups...Lines 1, 2, and 3. Start with Line 1 and type as much as you can for 15 seconds. It's okay if you don't finish the line. If you do finish the line, press ENTER and start typing the line again. Type until the timer stops. If you make a typo, you'll need to type the line again. When you have a score for Line 1 you can move on to Line 2.

Do the Line 2 warm-up then the Line 3 warm-up. You can move on to Line 3 when you have a score for Line 2; and you can move on to the next group of lines (Lines 4 through 5) when you have a score for Line 3.

### The Reach to the T Key

Lines 4 through 6 are 15-second timings where you'll learn the reach to the t key. I think you'll find the reach to the t quite easy because it's a short reach from the f to the t with your left pointer finger.



Find the f and t keys on your keyboard and try out the reach. Keeping your fingers slightly curved on the home row, reach up with your pointer finger, touch the t, and then return your pointer finger to the f key. Practice moving your finger from the f to the t while looking at the keys. Now close your eyes and practice, reaching up and touching the t key 25 times.

### The Reach to the E Key

Lines 7 through 9 are 15-second timings for the reach to the e key. To strike the e, use the middle finger of your left hand. If you've curved your fingers correctly on the home row keys, reach up slightly from the d key to the e key. After striking the e, move your finger back to the d key.

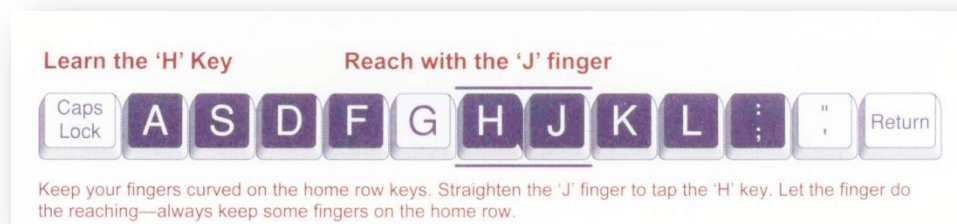


Look at your keyboard to find the d and e keys. Now practice the reach without striking the keys. Instead, watch your finger move up to the e and back down to the d. Do this several times to get the feel of the reach. Now close your eyes and practice the reach until it feels comfortable. Again, don't strike the keys just yet—just practice the reach.

When you feel comfortable with the reach, do Lines 7 through 9, one line at a time, of course! If you make errors on a 15-second timing, you need to type the line again.

### The Reach to the H Key

The next reach you'll practice in this lesson is the reach to the h key. I think you'll find the reach to the h quite easy because it's on the home row and is a short reach from the j to the h with your right pointer finger. Find the j and h keys on your keyboard and try out the reach.



Keeping your fingers slightly curved on the home row keys, reach your pointer finger to the left to touch the h, and then return your pointer finger to the j key. Practice moving your finger from the j to the h while looking at the keys. Now close your eyes and practice, reaching over and touching the h key 25 times.

When you feel comfortable with the h reach, do the 15-second timings for Lines 10 through 12.

Lines 13 through 15 consist of 30-second timings. You'll get a chance to practice all the keys you've learned so far in this practice. No errors are allowed for the 30-second timings.

The last three lines in this lesson consist of 1-minute timings. You can have one error for the 1-minute timings. If you finish a line before the timer stops, press ENTER and type the line again. If you've typed before, you may finish a line more than once. Continue typing until the timer stops. If you stop typing, the program will time you out and you'll have to type the line again.

I hope you enjoy Lesson 2!