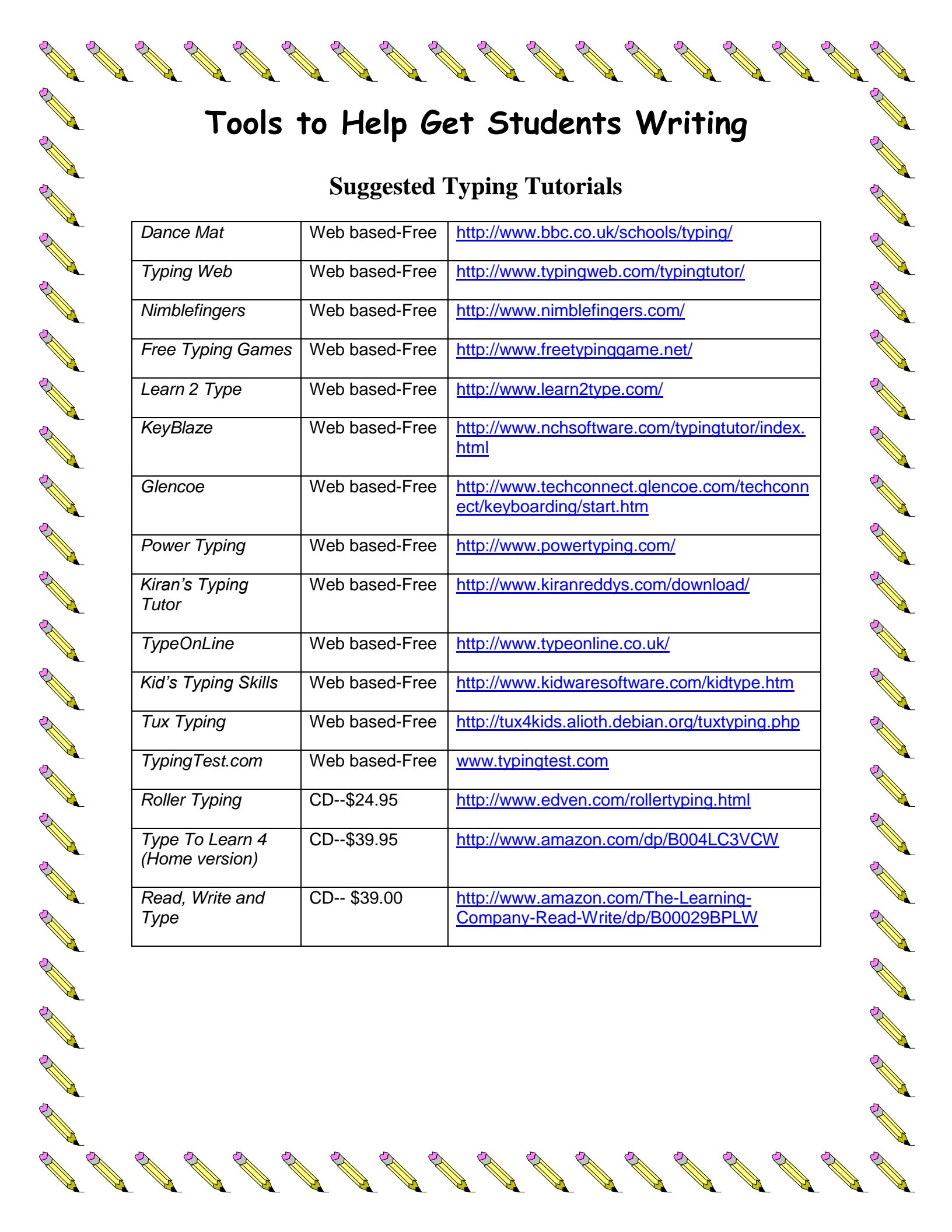


Tools to Help Get Students Writing

- ❖ Improve 10 finger typing skills. See below for a list of possible programs.
- ❖ Use a digital recorder for brainstorming or the initial version of the text. Then have the student use his/her auditory notes to put his/her ideas on paper and edit.
- ❖ Have a scribe type the student's oral work onto a computer with no punctuation, capitalization, or editing, for later revision by the student.
- ❖ Use webbing software such as *Inspiration* or *Kidspiration* (or other graphic organizer software) to help students brainstorm and organize their ideas before writing. *Inspiration* is available at most schools. However, if you do not have access, a copy can be purchased at www.inspiration.com
- ❖ Break down the writing process into smaller chunks: have students put together a story or report using *Power Point* or *Comic Life*. *Comic Life* enables students to build their own cartoons. It is available on all computers in grades 3rd through 12th. If you are unable to find it on your computer please talk to your IT person.
- ❖ Use writing boards to aid students in constructing complete sentences. Writing boards can be easily built using the *BoardMaker Plus* software.
- ❖ Get notes from a friend, the teacher, or a paraeducator
- ❖ Accept "alternatives to handwriting" for presenting assignments, when necessary, or appropriate (this can include oral presentation, artwork, poster presentation, etc.)
- ❖ Go visual: Offer alternatives to writing, such as *SketchUp* to show their ideas visually rather than through text. SketchUp can be downloaded for free at <http://sketchup.google.com/download/>



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Suggested Typing Tutorials

<i>Dance Mat</i>	Web based-Free	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/
<i>Typing Web</i>	Web based-Free	http://www.typingweb.com/typingtutor/
<i>Nimblefingers</i>	Web based-Free	http://www.nimblefingers.com/
<i>Free Typing Games</i>	Web based-Free	http://www.freetypinggame.net/
<i>Learn 2 Type</i>	Web based-Free	http://www.learn2type.com/
<i>KeyBlaze</i>	Web based-Free	http://www.nchsoftware.com/typingtutor/index.html
<i>Glencoe</i>	Web based-Free	http://www.techconnect.glencoe.com/techconnect/keyboarding/start.htm
<i>Power Typing</i>	Web based-Free	http://www.powertyping.com/
<i>Kiran's Typing Tutor</i>	Web based-Free	http://www.kiranreddys.com/download/
<i>TypeOnLine</i>	Web based-Free	http://www.typeonline.co.uk/
<i>Kid's Typing Skills</i>	Web based-Free	http://www.kidwaresoftware.com/kidtype.htm
<i>Tux Typing</i>	Web based-Free	http://tux4kids.alioth.debian.org/tuxtyping.php
<i>TypingTest.com</i>	Web based-Free	www.typingtest.com
<i>Roller Typing</i>	CD--\$24.95	http://www.edven.com/rollertyping.html
<i>Type To Learn 4 (Home version)</i>	CD--\$39.95	http://www.amazon.com/dp/B004LC3VCW
<i>Read, Write and Type</i>	CD-- \$39.00	http://www.amazon.com/The-Learning-Company-Read-Write/dp/B00029BPLW