

# Student Link

## A Lesson Activity for Grade 4s: Krazy Keyboarding

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### What to do

1. Click on the Grade 4 door and then select the navy blue square called "Something Different". Search for the title "Krazy Keyboarding" - you will find it somewhere in the first column! Are you ready? Click on it and let's GO!

What spelling mistake is obvious in the name of the website? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think they chose to spell "Crazy" with a "k"? There is a definite reason why they did!



2. Let's do some quick webpage analysis: What background colour is used? \_\_\_\_\_

How many lessons are offered on this keyboarding site? \_\_\_\_\_. What is Lesson #1 called? \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Describe the clipart that is shown at the top of the webpage. What is shown?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



4. *Hand and finger placement* is very important when it comes to keyboarding skills.

The four fingers of your LEFT hand are sit on what keys? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The three fingers of your RIGHT hand go on which 3 keys? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Where do your 2 thumbs rest "lightly"? On the \_\_\_\_\_ bar!

5. The letters A, S, D, F, J, K and L have a special name. They are known as the what?

\_\_\_\_\_. Explain why this name was given to these particular

Keys: \_\_\_\_\_



6. Scroll down a bit further (we'll work through this page a little bit at a time!). Under the question **Are you Ready?**, what 3 questions are asked of you?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Some good advice is given in a little purple paragraph just below the 3 questions you read about above.

Your fingers are to be kept in a \_\_\_\_\_ position (hint! It starts with "c"!)

Your wrists are not to do what? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Scroll down a bit further and try the sample keyboarding session by typing in the box on the webpage. Work slowly! Concentrate! It may be hard at first to keep your hands in the right positions.

When you're finished, describe how it felt to type with your hands in the **home position**: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Take a few minutes to read through the rest of this webpage. There is a lot going on and it will require your concentration.

Once you have finished, explain in your own words why you think proper hand positioning on the keyboard is so important and effective:

Adults and students who do NOT use proper hand positioning on a keyboard do what is called 'henpecking'. You may have seen this before when people just touch the keyboard keys with their index fingers and have to look carefully at each key.

**Why do you think that this process is called 'henpecking'?**

Do you feel that it is effective? \_\_\_\_\_. Why/why not?

10. When was this page created? What year? \_\_\_\_\_

Name the 3 people responsible for the design of this website:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

And \_\_\_\_\_.



If you could email them and tell them **one major issue** that Grade 4 students are experiencing today with keyboarding skills, what would you tell them?