

## Keyboarding Rubrics

The following sample rubric may be used by teachers or parents for assessing students' keyboarding technique:

	Always	Sometimes	Needs Work
<b>Does the student exhibit proper body position:</b>			
▪ placing both feet flat on the floor?			
▪ sitting centered in front of the keyboard?			
▪ sitting in a relaxed position, back straight, touching the back of the chair?			
▪ sitting a comfortable distance from the keyboard? (A hand-span is suggested.)			
<b>Does the student exhibit proper arm and hand position:</b>			
▪ holding arms relaxed, elbows naturally close to the body?			
▪ keeping fingers curved, tips of fingers resting lightly on keys?			
▪ keeping wrists low and straight, not resting on the keyboard or table?			
▪ hands correctly positioned on the home row keys, with index fingers on J and F?			
<b>Does the student demonstrate proper key stroking:</b>			
▪ beginning and ending all keystrokes at home row position?			
▪ striking keys with quick, strong, tapping keystrokes?			
▪ tapping each key with the correct finger?			
▪ tapping the space bar with the thumb?			
▪ pressing the Shift key with the appropriate opposite little finger?			
▪ pressing the Enter/Return key with the right little finger?			
▪ keeping eyes on the screen at all times?			
▪ maintaining a steady typing rhythm?			

This sample rubric may be used by students as a self-assessment of their own technique:

	Always	Sometimes	Needs Work
I keep my feet flat on the floor.			
I sit up straight.			
My wrists are straight, not bent down, and not touching the keyboard or table.			
I keep my eyes on the screen.			
I keep my hands on the home row.			
I hit each key with a quick, strong tap.			
I use the correct fingering.			

## Ergonomic Tips and Exercises

The following Ergonomic Breaks have been incorporated into *Type to Learn 4* and appear after teacher-controlled time limits:

1. Time for a quick stretch! Stay seated, clasp your hands together, and reach as high as you can toward the ceiling. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Then lean slightly over to one side. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Lean slightly over to the other side. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
2. Take a break! Close your eyes and gently cover them with your hands. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Then look at the wall across the room. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Take a deep breath in through your nose 1, 2, 3 and out through your mouth 1, 2, 3.
3. Let's stretch your wrists! Hold one arm straight out in front of you and use your other hand to gently pull back on your hand. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Then gently pull your hand downward. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Switch arms and stretch your other wrist. Gently pull back, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and gently pull downward 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
4. Time to stretch! Stay seated, lean forward and touch your feet. Relax your back and let your body hang. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Sit up and breathe in through your nose 1, 2, 3 and out through your mouth 1, 2, 3.
5. Time for a quick stretch! Stay seated and clasp your hands behind your head. Bring your elbows back, take a deep breath, and lean back and stretch. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.
6. Let's stretch your ankles! In your seat, pick up one foot and move it in a circle, 1, 2, 3 times one way and 1, 2, 3 times the other way. Then do it with the other foot. 1, 2, 3 times one way and 1, 2, 3 times the other way.
7. Let's give your arms a rest! In your seat, let your arms hang down at your sides. Shake your hands and arms very gently. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

# Certificate of Completion



## Appendix A: Passages

The following passages and documents are provided for students in grades 3-12 to type in Lesson #33. Students need to copy the formatting and punctuation exactly.

Grades 3-6

Title: Thinkin' Long

Oh thinkin' long's the weary work!  
It breaks my heart from dawn  
Till all the wee, wee, friendly stars  
Come out at dayli' gone.  
An' thinkin' long's the weary work,  
When I must spin and spin,  
To drive the fearsome fancies out,  
An' hold the hopeful in!

Ah, sure my lad is far away!  
My lad who left our glen  
When from the soul of Ireland came  
A call for fightin' men;  
I miss his gray eyes glancin' bright,  
I miss his liltin' song,  
And that is why, the lonesome day,  
I'm always thinkin' long.

May the kind angels guard him  
When the fray is fierce and grim,  
And blunt the point of every sword  
That turns its hate on him.  
Where round the torn yet dear green flag  
The brave and lovin' throng—  
But the lasses of Glenwherry smile  
At me for thinkin' long.

By Anna MacManus (\_Ethna Carbery\_) – edited from the original

## Dessert Menu

ANGELO'S FUDGE CAKE Rich Chocolate Cake and Fudge Frosting	\$3.95
CARROT CAKE Heavenly Layers of Carrot Cake and Smooth Cream Cheese Icing	\$4.25
BLACK FOREST CAKE Rich, Chocolate Cake with Cherry Swirls Sprinkled with Sugar and Chocolate Chips	\$4.79
LEMON DELIGHT Vanilla Cake with Lemon Whipped Cream Topping Served with Raspberries and Fresh Cream	\$3.80
HOT APPLE CRISP Crisp, Sweet Apples Baked to Perfection Served with Vanilla Ice Cream	\$2.68
FUDGE TRUFFLE CAKE Fudge Cake with Chocolate Truffle Cream Topped with Fresh Cream and a Cherry	\$2.37
STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE Homemade Shortcake Topped with Vanilla Ice Cream, Fresh Strawberries, and Whipped Cream	\$3.55
TIRAMISU Individual Cakes Dipped in Coffee and Cream Topped with Whipped Cream and Powdered Cocoa	\$3.92
FRESH STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM	\$4.10
HOT FUDGE SUNDAE Decadent Hot Fudge Over Vanilla Ice Cream Topped with Whipped Cream	\$3.87
CHOCOLATE BROWNIE SUNDAE Warm Chocolate Brownie, Vanilla Ice Cream, Hot Fudge, and Whipped Cream	\$4.69
LIZANO MUD PIE Black Forest Cake with Vanilla and Cherry Ice Creams, Hot Fudge, Whipped Cream, and Almonds	\$4.45
DISH OF ICE CREAM	\$2.81

Excerpt from: The Library of Work and Play, Outdoor Sports And Games, By  
Claude H. Miller, PH.B. – edited from the original

Besides fresh air, another important thing in keeping well is to eat slowly and to chew your food thoroughly. Boys and girls often develop a habit of rapid eating because they are anxious to get back to play or to school. Slow eating is largely a matter of habit as well, and while it may seem hard at first it will soon become second nature to us. Remember to chew your food thoroughly. The stomach has no teeth. We have all heard of Mr. Horace Fletcher, that wonderful old man who made himself young again by chewing his food.

There is no fun in life unless we are well, and a sensible boy should realize that his parents' interest in him is for his own benefit. It may seem hard sometimes to be obliged to do without things that we want, but as a rule the judgment of the older people is better than our own. A growing boy will often eat too much candy or too many sweet things and then suffer from his lack of judgment. To fill our stomachs with indigestible food is just as foolish as it would be to put sand in the bearings of our wheel, or to interfere with the delicate adjustment of our watch until it refuses to keep time.

While we play, our muscles are developed, our lungs filled with fresh air and the whole body is made stronger and more vigorous. Some boys play too hard. Over-exertion will sometimes cause a strain on the delicate machinery of the body that will be very serious. The heart is especially subject to the dangers of overstrain in growing boys. We are not all equally strong, and it is no discredit to a boy that he cannot run as far or lift as much as some of his playmates or companions. You all remember the fable of the frog who tried to make himself as big as the ox and finally burst. The idea of exercise is not to try to excel every one in what you do, but to do your best without over-exertion. If a boy has a rugged frame and well developed muscles, it is perfectly natural that he should be superior in most sports to a boy that is delicate or undersized.

## Black Bean and Corn Salsa

### Ingredients:

- 30 ounces black beans, drained
- 15 ounces whole sweet corn, drained
- 10 ounces diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 2 large red bell peppers, chopped
- 2 medium fresh jalapeno peppers, chopped
- 1/2 cup sweet onion, diced
- 1/3 cup fresh cilantro, diced
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/8 cup lime juice
- 0.6 ounce package of dry zesty Italian dressing

Directions:

1. Prepare the salad dressing according to package directions (use the lighter version, if you like).
2. Remove the seeds from the peppers and chop.
3. Dice the onion and cilantro.
4. In a large bowl, combine all the dry ingredients and stir.
5. Add lime juice and Italian dressing and stir gently.
6. Cover and refrigerate for a least 4 hours or overnight.
7. Serve with chips or as a side dish.

Excerpt from: Rollo at Play; Safe Amusements, by Jacob Abbott

Rollo went on, down the green lane, till he came to the turn-stile, and then went through into the field. He then followed a winding path until he came to the edge of the trees, and there stopped to listen.

He heard the brook gurgling along over the stones, and that was all at first; but presently he began to hear the strokes of an axe. He called out as loud as he could,

“Jonas! Jonas!”

But Jonas did not hear.

Then he walked along the edge of the woods till he came nearer the place where he heard the axe. He found here a little opening among the trees and bushes, so that he could look in. He saw the brook, and over beyond it, on the opposite bank, was Jonas, cutting down a small tree.

So Rollo walked on until he came to the brook, and then asked Jonas how he should get over. The brook was pretty wide and deep.

Jonas said, if he would wait a few minutes, he would build him a bridge.

“You cannot build a bridge,” said Rollo.

“Wait a little and see.”

So Rollo sat down on a mossy bank, and Jonas, having cut down the small tree, began to work on a larger one that stood near the bank.

After he had cut a little while, Rollo asked him why he did not begin the bridge.

“I am beginning it,” said he.

Rollo laughed at this, but in a minute Jonas called to him to stand back, away from the bank; and then, after a few strokes more, the top of the tree began to bend slowly over, and then it fell faster and faster, until it came down with a great crash, directly across the brook.

“There!” said Jonas, “there is your bridge.”

Rollo looked at it with astonishment and pleasure.

“Now,” said Jonas, “I will come and help you over.”

“No,” said Rollo, “I can come over myself. I can take hold of the branches for a railing.”

So Rollo began to climb along the stem of the tree, holding on carefully by the branches. When he reached the middle of the stream, he stopped to look down into the water.

“This is a capital bridge of yours, Jonas,” said he. “How beautiful the water looks down here! O, I see a little fish! He is swimming along by a great rock. Now he is standing perfectly still. O, Jonas, come and see him.”

## Laughing Song

When the green woods laugh with the voice of joy,  
And the dimpling stream runs laughing by.  
When the air does laugh with our merry wit,  
And the green hill laughs with the noise of it.

When the meadows laugh with lively green,  
And the grasshopper laughs in the merry scene,  
When Mary and Susan and Emily  
With their sweet round mouths sing “Ha, ha he!”

When the painted birds laugh in the shade,  
Where our table with cherries and nuts is spread.  
Come live, and be merry, and join with me,  
To sing the sweet chorus of “Ha, ha, he!”

Poem from: Laughing Song, by William Blake

## Coffee Cake

- 17 to 18 unbaked frozen dinner rolls
- 1 3-ounce package regular butterscotch pudding mix (not instant)
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans
- 2/3 cup melted butter

Prepare 10 hours ahead of serving. Place frozen rolls in well-greased ring-shaped pan. Sprinkle dry pudding mix over rolls. Sprinkle brown sugar over pudding mix. Sprinkle chopped pecans over brown sugar. Pour melted butter over all. Cover with a damp towel or tightly seal with plastic wrap. Let rise at room temperature 8 to 10 hours. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Bake in oven for 30 minutes. Cool, invert pan, remove, and serve.

## Excerpt from: Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

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Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation: conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war . . . testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated . . . can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war.

We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that this nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

Excerpt from: Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, given November 19, 1863 on the battlefield near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, USA

## Holiday Weekend Sale!

5/26-5/31	Stonewashed Jeans	\$29.99
5/26-5/31	Tees	\$4.99
5/26-5/31	Sundresses	\$25.99
5/26-5/31	Solid Capris	\$19.99
5/26-5/31	Canvas Sneakers	\$14.99
5/26-5/31	Ladies' Dress Shoes	\$39.99
5/26-5/31	Bermuda Shorts	\$17.99
5/26-5/31	Men's Loafers	\$49.99
5/26-5/31	Trench Coats	\$44.99

## Title: Uncle Robert's Visit

"Don't you want to see Susie's garden, Robert?" asked Mrs. Leonard.

"Yes, indeed," said Uncle Robert. "Susie wrote me some nice little letters about that garden."

As they walked along the narrow paths Susie showed him where the seeds were already planted, and told him what she thought she would have in the other beds.

"This is phlox," said Susie, leading Uncle Robert by the hand, "and marigolds are here, and sweet peas over there by the fence. That place between mother's garden and mine is filled with rosebushes, syringas, and hollyhocks."

"I still call the vegetable garden mine, but the boys do most of the work," said Mrs. Leonard. "That big bush at the end of the row is an elder."

Excerpt from: Uncle Robert's Visit, Chapter I, by Francis W. Parker and Nellie Lathrop Helm

## The Table And The Chair

Said the Table to the Chair,  
"You can hardly be aware  
How I suffer from the heat  
And from chilblains on my feet.  
If we took a little walk,  
We might have a little talk;  
Pray let us take the air,"  
Said the Table to the Chair.

Said the Chair unto the Table,  
"Now, you know we are not able:  
How foolishly you talk,  
When you know we cannot walk!"  
Said the Table with a sigh,  
"It can do no harm to try.  
I've as many legs as you:  
Why can't we walk on two?"

So they both went slowly down,  
And walked about the town  
With a cheerful bumpy sound  
As they toddled round and round;  
And everybody cried,  
As they hastened to their side,  
"See! the Table and the Chair  
Have come out to take the air!"

But in going down an alley,  
To a castle in a valley,  
They completely lost their way,  
And wandered all the day;  
Till, to see them safely back,  
They paid a Ducky-quack,  
And a Beetle, and a Mouse,  
Who took them to their house.

Then they whispered to each other,  
"O delightful little brother,  
What a lovely walk we've taken!  
Let us dine on beans and bacon."  
So the Ducky and the leetle  
Brownny-Mousy and the Beetle  
Dined, and danced upon their heads  
Till they toddled to their beds.

From Nonsense Song: Stories, Botany, and Alphabets by Edward Lear

Grades 7-12

Title: The Beggar

Pity the sorrows of a poor old man!  
Whose trembling limbs have borne him to your door,  
Whose days are dwindled to the shortest span,  
O, give relief, and bless your store.

These tattered clothes my poverty bespeak,  
These hoary locks proclaim my lengthened years;  
And many a furrow in my grief-worn cheek  
Has been the channel to a stream of tears.

Yon house, erected on the rising ground,  
With tempting aspect drew me from my road,  
For plenty there a residence has found,  
And grandeur a magnificent abode.

(Hard is the fate of the infirm and poor!)  
Here craving for a morsel of their bread,  
A pampered menial drove me from the door,  
To seek a shelter in the humble shed.

O, take me to your hospitable dome,  
Keen blows the wind, and piercing is the cold!  
Short is my passage to the friendly tomb,  
For I am poor and miserably old.

Should I reveal the source of every grief,  
If soft humanity e'er touched your chest,  
Your hands would not withhold the kind relief,  
And tears of pity could not be repressed.

Life sends misfortunes,—why should we repine?  
'T is Life has brought me to the state you see:  
And your condition may be soon like mine,  
The child of sorrow and of misery.

A little farm was my paternal lot,  
Then, like the lark, I sprightly hailed the morn;  
But ah! oppression forced me from my cot;  
My cattle died, and blighted was my corn.

My daughter,—once the comfort of my age!  
Lured by a villain from her native home,  
Is cast, abandoned, on the world's wild stage,  
And doomed in scanty poverty to roam.

My tender wife,—sweet soother of my care!—  
Struck with sad anguish at the stern decree,  
Fell,—lingering fell, a victim to despair,  
And left the world to wretchedness and me.

Pity the sorrows of a poor old man!  
Whose trembling limbs have born him to your door,  
Whose days are dwindled to the shortest span,  
O, give relief, and bless your store.

Author: Thomas Moss – edited from the original

## Breakfast Menu

FARM FRESH EGGS	\$5.95
Two Farm Fresh Eggs Served with Hash Browns, Toast, Bagel, or English Muffin, with Bacon or Canadian Bacon	
MEXICAN MORNING	\$6.25
Corn Tortillas with Black Beans, Fried Eggs, Cheddar Cheese, Salsa, and a Dash of Hot Sauce	
YOUR CHOICE OMELETTE	\$7.80
Choose Any Six Fixings: Bacon, Ham, Cheese, Fresh Mushrooms, Spinach, Peppers, Red or Green Onions	

LINDSAY’S SPECIAL Scrambled Eggs with Sweet Pork Sausage, Fresh Spinach, Mushrooms, and Onions	\$7.44
OMELETTE ON THE LIGHT SIDE Avocado, Spring Onion, Tomato, Sour Cream, Cheddar and Swiss Cheese	\$5.76
SUNRISE QUESADILLA Flour Tortilla with Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Peppers, Black Beans, Cilantro, Cheddar and Jack Cheese, served with Guacamole, Sour Cream, and Salsa	\$7.13
CRANBERRY PANCAKES Homemade Pancakes with Wisconsin Cranberries, Real Butter, and a Hint of Cinnamon and Nutmeg	\$6.38
FRENCH TOAST Wheat Bread Grilled and Topped with Sliced Bananas, Yogurt, and Granola	\$6.80
WAFFLE—A FAVORITE Golden, Hot, and Crisp Waffle Served with Real Butter, Maple Syrup, and a Side of Bacon or Grilled Ham	\$5.52

## Excerpt from the United States Constitution

Section 8. The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To borrow Money on the credit of the United States;

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;

To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

To establish Post Offices and Post Roads;

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;

To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offenses against the Law of Nations;

To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;

To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer term than two Years;

To provide and maintain a Navy;

To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, Dockyards, and other needful Buildings;—And

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

## Roasted Vegetable Pasta

- 8 Ounces Penne Pasta
- 2 Cups Zucchini Cut into 2 Inch Pieces
- 2 Cups Eggplant Cut into 2 Inch Pieces
- 1 Large Red Pepper, Cored and Cut Into 2 Inch Pieces
- 1 Medium Red Onion, Peeled and Cut Into 1 Inch Pieces
- 12 Asparagus Spears Cut into 2 inch Lengths
- 2 Portabello Mushroom Caps Cut into 1 Inch Pieces
- 2 Cloves Garlic, Peeled and Sliced
- 5 Campari Tomatoes, Quartered
- 1/4 Cup Fresh Chopped Basil
- 3 Tablespoons Olive Oil
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 1/8 Teaspoon Black Pepper

### Sauce:

- 2 Tablespoons Balsamic Vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon Olive Oil
- 2 Ounces Soft Goat Cheese
- Additional Crumbled Goat Cheese
- Chopped Fresh Basil

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. Toss all of the vegetables together with the olive oil and seasonings and spread onto a large baking sheet. Roast the vegetables for 25 minutes or until fork tender and lightly browned. Cool the vegetables.

Heat a large pot of salted water for the pasta. Cook the pasta until it is *al dente* and drain, reserving a half cup of the pasta water. In a separate bowl, mix the sauce ingredients. Move the pasta to a large serving bowl and add the sauce. Add the vegetables to the pasta and stir gently to mix well. Add a small amount of pasta water if the mixture seems a little dry. Mix well and top with crumbled goat cheese and chopped basil.

Variation: Add 2 cups chopped rotisserie or 2 cups diced, cooked ham. You could also add 1 2/3 cups warm tomato sauce to the vegetable mixture for a change. Substitute as needed in order to use the season's freshest vegetables.

## Excerpt from: President Nixon's Announcement on the Development of the Space Shuttle

I have decided today that the United States should proceed at once with the development of an entirely new type of space transportation system designed to help transform the space frontier of the 1970's into familiar territory, easily accessible for human endeavor in the 1980's and '90's.

This system will center on a space vehicle that can shuttle repeatedly from Earth to orbit and back. It will revolutionize transportation into near space, by routinizing it. It will take the astronomical costs out of astronautics. In short, it will go a long way toward delivering the rich benefits of practical space utilization and the valuable spinoffs from space efforts into the daily lives of Americans and all people.

The new year 1972 is a year of conclusion for America's current series of manned flights to the Moon. Much is expected from the two remaining Apollo missions—in fact, their scientific results should exceed the return from all the earlier flights together. Thus they will place a fitting capstone on this vastly successful undertaking. But they also bring us to an important decision point—a point of assessing what our space horizons are as Apollo ends, and of determining where we go from here.

In the scientific arena, the past decade of experience has taught us that spacecraft are an irreplaceable tool for learning about our near-Earth space environment, the Moon, and the planets, besides being an important aid to our studies of the Sun and stars. In utilizing space to meet needs on Earth, we have seen the tremendous potential of satellites for international communications and world-wide weather forecasting. We are gaining the capability to use satellites as tools in global monitoring and management of nature resources, in agricultural applications, and in pollution control. We can foresee their use in guiding airliners across the oceans and in bringing TV education to wide areas of the world.

However, all these possibilities, and countless others with direct and dramatic bearing on human betterment, can never be more than fractionally realized so long as every single trip from Earth to orbit remains a matter of special effort and staggering expense. This is why commitment to the Space Shuttle program is the right step for America to take, in moving out from our present beach-head in the sky to achieve a real working presence in space—because the Space Shuttle will give us routine access to space by sharply reducing costs in dollars and preparation time.

The new system will differ radically from all existing booster systems, in that most of this new system will be recovered and used again and again—up to 100 times. The resulting economies may bring operating costs down as low as one-tenth of those present launch vehicles.

## Title: The Double Aspect of Goodness

In undertaking the following discussion I foresee two grave difficulties. My reader may well feel that goodness is already the most familiar of all the thoughts we employ, and yet he may at the same time suspect that there is something about it perplexingly abstruse and remote. Familiar it certainly is. It attends all our wishes, acts, and projects as nothing else does, so that no estimate of its influence can be excessive. When we take a walk, read a book, make a dress, hire a worker, visit a friend, attend a concert, choose a wife, cast a vote, enter into business, we always do it in the hope of attaining something good.

Excerpt by: George Herbert Palmer; Alford Professor of Philosophy (Harvard University) – edited from the original

### Holiday Weekend Sale!

5/26-5/31	Stainless Steel Dishwasher	\$269.99
5/26-5/31	Energy-compliant Dishwasher	\$349.99
5/26-5/31	18.2 cu. ft. Refrigerator	\$483.99
5/26-5/31	25.4 cu. ft. Refrigerator Crushed Ice and Water Dispenser	\$875.99
5/26-5/31	30 in. Self-cleaning Electric Range	\$449.99
5/26-5/31	30 in. True Convection Electric Range	\$790.99
5/26-5/31	7.0 cu. ft. Super-Capacity Dryer	\$399.99
5/26-5/31	5.8 cu. ft. Front-load Electric Dryer 7 Drying Cycles	\$449.99

### Excerpt from: Ocean Steam Navigation and the Ocean Post, by Thomas Rainey

2. Assumed (Section II.) that fast ocean mails are exceedingly desirable for our commerce, our defenses, our diplomacy, the management of our squadrons, our national standing, and that they are demanded by our people at large:

3. Assumed (Section III.) that fast steamers alone can furnish rapid transport to the mails; that these steamers can not rely on freights; that sailing vessels will ever carry staple freights at a much lower figure, and sufficiently quickly; that while steam is eminently successful in the coasting trade, it can not possibly be so in the transatlantic freighting business; and that the rapid transit of the mails, and the slower and more deliberate transport of freight is the law of nature:

## Sushi Dipping Sauce

- 1/8 teaspoon wasabi powder
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/8 teaspoon minced pickled ginger
- 1 teaspoon minced scallion, green part only
- 1/3 cup white wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil

Mix the wasabi powder and water to form a paste. Stir together red pepper flakes, ginger, scallions, vinegar, soy sauce, and sesame oil. Serve with sushi at room temperature.

Excerpt from: Patriotic Readings, by Jasper L. McBrien, A. M.

MR. SHERMAN (studying the Declaration). You have covered all our grievances in the twenty-seven distinct charges you have made against the present king of Great Britain. We can well afford to submit these facts to a candid world. That paragraph on slavery, Mr. Jefferson, meets with my approval heartily, but I fear some of the Southern delegates will oppose it strongly. We can certainly appeal to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions. I believe with you that divine Providence will support us in making this Declaration good. Therefore, I am willing to stand with you in pledging our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor to this end. I do not see how I could make any suggestions that would improve it. Mr. Jefferson, I congratulate you on the great work you have done in this paper for our country and for humanity.

## Appendix B: Writing Prompts

The following grade-leveled writing prompts are provided to students in Lesson #34 and in the Message Master activity from Lessons 23-34. Students need to write original answers in response to the prompts.

K-2 students must write a minimum of 6 words before they can submit their answer. Students in grades 3-6 must write at least 10 words. And students in grades 7-12 must write at least 20 words for the response to be accepted as final.

Students' original writing is scored for WPM, but not accuracy, and is available to the teacher in the Reports area.

### Grade 2

- What kind of pet would you like to have? What would you name it?
- What are you wearing today? What colors are your clothes?
- What is your favorite holiday? Why do you like it?
- What are some different ways a person can get to school? Tell about three ways.
- If monkeys went to school, what do you think their favorite class would be? Why?
- Why do you think ants walk in a line?
- What things could you find in an old house?
- Tell about your favorite family trip. Where did you go? What fun things did you do?
- What are two foods you like to eat? What do these foods look like? How do they taste?
- What is your favorite month of the year? Why?
- What is your favorite toy? Why?
- Tell about three animals you find on a farm. What do they look like? What do they do?
- If you were going on a trip to the moon, what would you take with you?
- If animals could talk, what questions would you ask them? What do you think they would say?
- What job would you like to have when you grow up? What would you do in this job?
- Why do you think some people are scared of snakes?
- What is your favorite class in school? What do you like about it?
- Tell about your first day in this school. What did you do?
- If you had a robot, what would you tell it to do?
- What is your favorite book? Who are the characters in that book?
- If you could be an animal for one day, what kind of animal would you like to be? Why would you like to be this animal?
- Would you like to have a dragon for a pet? Why or why not?
- Tell what students should do if they hear the fire alarm in school.
- What are some fun things to do inside on a rainy day?
- Tell how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Give every step.

## Grades 3-6

- You are watching a parade. Describe what you see, and how many people are there. Use symbols and numbers in your answer.
- An astronaut takes you on a journey through space! What is it like in the space shuttle? What do you see? Describe your trip in a few sentences.
- You go back in time to when dinosaurs walked the Earth. What do you see? Describe what is around you.
- Imagine that 20 years have gone by! What is your life like? Where do you live? Do you have any children? Use symbols and numbers in your writing.
- You go on a trip to the zoo. What animal do you watch the longest? What does it do? Why do you like it so much?
- Walking down the street, you suddenly notice smoke coming out of your neighbor's house! What do you do? Describe the events that unfold.
- Your best friend calls you! What do you talk about? Describe the phone call in a few sentences.
- What is your favorite kind of weather? Describe what the weather is like, and what you like to do in this weather.
- The president of the country comes to your school to speak. What questions do you ask the president?
- You get to go on a submarine under the ocean! Describe all that you see when you are underwater.
- You have invented a new machine. What does it do? What does it look like? Describe your machine.
- You are home from school because you are sick. What do you do to get better? How do you spend your time that day?
- Write a note to a friend who is sick. You want to make this friend feel better. What do you write?
- You win a chance to talk to any famous person of your choice. Who do you choose to talk to? What do you say to this person? Describe the conversation in a few sentences.
- Describe your favorite food. Is it spicy? Sweet? Crunchy? What makes this food your favorite?
- What do you usually do when you get home from school and before you go to bed? Use symbols and numbers as you describe your routine.
- Describe an insect that you saw recently. Did it have wings? How many legs did it have? What color was it? Where did you see it? What was it doing?
- What musical instrument would you like to play? Would you play in a group or by yourself? What kind of music would you play?
- Write about a time you did something that was hard for you. Did it get easier? What made this experience so difficult?
- Describe a time when you helped someone. How did you help this person? Was the person thankful for your help?
- Describe your favorite game. Where do you play this game? How many people do you need to play? How do you play? Use symbols and numbers in your answer.
- When you want to be alone, where do you go? Describe that place.
- Do you like your name? Explain why or why not. If you could choose another name, what name would you pick?
- Describe a person you look up to. Tell how you know this person. Why do you respect him or her?

- Would you rather have an extra arm or an extra leg? Explain your choice in a few sentences.
- If you could travel back in time to any time period in any country, what would it be? Describe your journey. Use symbols and numbers in your response.
- Write about one thing you do really well. Describe the steps you take to complete this task. Use symbols and numbers in your response.
- How do you get ready for school every day? Describe what you do and the times when you do each thing. Use symbols and numbers in your answer.
- You discover that you can fly without wings! Describe what you do and where you go.
- What is your favorite day of the week? Why is this day your favorite? What do you usually do on this day of the week?
- You decide to make a birthday present for your best friend. Describe what you make and how you make it.
- What if there were no cars, buses, trains, planes, or boats? How would this change your life? How would this change the world?
- You find a bird's nest with eggs in it that has fallen from a tree. Describe the steps you take next. Who do you ask to help you? What do you do with the eggs?
- Describe the silliest person you know. What makes that person so silly?
- If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be? Why would you live there? Who would you live with?

## Grades 7-12

- Describe where you live to someone who has never been to your area. Use symbols and numbers in your response.
- Describe one of your favorite songs or pieces of music. Why do you like it? Where and when did you first hear it?
- Give detailed directions to your classroom for someone who has just entered the school. Use symbols and numbers in your answer.
- Describe a time when you felt really proud of yourself. What did you do that made you feel proud?
- Describe a time when you felt really proud of someone else. What did this person do to make you feel proud of them? How did you know this person?
- If you could speak any language, what would it be? Why would you choose to learn this language?
- Describe yourself to someone who has never seen or spoken to you. Describe your physical features as well as your voice and personality.
- If you had to choose between running for president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer of your school or class, which would you choose? Explain your choice.
- Describe a hot day to somebody who lives at the North Pole and never experienced it before. Use descriptive words.
- Write about a time you broke something by accident. What was it? What did you do? How did you feel? Was it able to be fixed?
- Describe your dream car. What do its interior and exterior look like? What makes this car so special?
- Write an invitation to a party you are hosting. What information do you need to give to your guests? Use symbols and numbers in your writing.
- What do you think is the world's most dangerous sport? Why?
- If you were to become a millionaire, what would you do with the money? Use symbols and numbers in your response.

- If you could meet one famous person from the past, who would it be and what would you say to him or her? Write dialogue for this conversation.
- Imagine you are applying for a job. What do you write on your application to convince them to hire you? Describe yourself and your strengths to a potential employer.
- Describe the perfect vacation.
- Do you think the voting age should be lowered from 18 years of age? If so, what should the minimum age be and why? If not, why should it stay the same?
- What do you think is the biggest problem facing the world today? What can be done about it?
- What is your favorite movie? What is it about and why do you like it?
- Describe in detail a character from a book you enjoyed. Provide a physical description as well as the character's personality.
- Can an average person be a hero? Explain your opinion.
- Imagine that you found a very old box hidden in an attic. Describe what was inside it. Use symbols and numbers in your writing.
- Suppose you are writing your autobiography. Tell a story from your life that you would include.
- Which of your friends do you most admire? Describe this friend and his or her best qualities.
- If people were to try to live on Mars, what challenges do you think they would face? What would they need to survive? Use symbols and numbers in your response.
- Describe the most exciting sports event you have ever seen. Include sensory details.
- Describe your favorite toy from when you were younger. What did you do with it? Why did you like it so much?
- If a friend of yours were planning to do something dangerous, what would you say or do? Include dialogue in this response.
- You have been asked to write a book. What will you write about and what will you call your book?
- How do you think the world will be different in 100 years? Use symbols and numbers in your response.
- If you were a superhero, what special powers or gadgets would you like to have? Use symbols and numbers in your answer.
- If you live to be 100 years old, how would you like to celebrate that milestone birthday? Describe your celebration.
- Do you think there are situations when it is OK to tell a lie? Explain your opinion.
- What do you think is the greatest invention ever created? Explain why you picked that invention.

## Appendix C: Assessments

These assessments may be printed and provided to students, in place of the text displaying on screen. Assessments are timed, and students are not required to type all lines of each assessment. They are required to meet minimum WPM and Accuracy goals in order to pass.

Assessment #1: Covering lessons 1-3

(J F Space U R K D)

**(Grades K-2)**

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Assessment #1: Covering lessons 1-3  
(J F Space U R K D)

**(Grades 3-6)**

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Assessment #1: Covering lessons 1-3  
(J F Space U R K D)

**(Grades 7-12)**

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Assessment #2: Covering lessons 1-5  
(J F Space U R K D I E H G)

**(Grades K-2)**

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hug hid rid  
huge hide ride  
high feed  
red fur  
fire red red fire  
free deer free deer  
kid hug he kid  
hide her hide he  
fed feed fire free  
hug hid hide high  
rid red ride hide  
hug huge jug  
he fed fur  
high red fire  
jug dug hug  
red deer fur  
hid hide rid ride  
free deer red  
kid rug hide  
dig hug hid  
feed hid ride  
kid feed he  
free high fur  
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red rug ride  
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Assessment #2: Covering lessons 1-5  
(J F Space U R K D I E H G)

**(Grades 3-6)**

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Assessment #2: Covering lessons 1-5  
(J F Space U R K D I E H G)

**(Grades 7-12)**

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### Assessment #3: Covering lessons 1-9

(J F Space U R K D I E H G L S Right Shift O W Left Shift ; A Return/Enter)

#### **(Grades K-2)**

Sheila is a real dear[Enter]  
Hal raked for his dad[Enter]  
Jorge digs holes for seeds[Enter]  
Al hears his dog howl[Enter]  
Her owl glides[Enter]  
Rose sees a far off fire[Enter]  
Deer are flashes of fur[Enter]  
He did well for his solo[Enter]  
She will sail for a while[Enter]  
Our sour food was gross [Enter]  
We saw a wood full of firs[Enter]  
Edgar has red hair[Enter]  
Willa wore a frilled dress[Enter]  
Lori was a slow worker [Enter]  
Laila would wear red shoes[Enter]  
His dog woke his dad[Enter]  
Jesse is a girl who has red hair[Enter]  
A dog shakes his head[Enter]  
Our house is real wide[Enter]  
Gail hides as Jahir seeks[Enter]

### Assessment #3: Covering lessons 1-9

(J F Space U R K D I E H G L S Right Shift O W Left Shift ; A Return/Enter)

#### (Grades 3-6)

Our grill is full of grease[Enter]  
Josie saw a lake full of reeds[Enter]  
I like willows as well as oaks[Enter]  
He had a whiff of a flower[Enter]  
Louisa held a jar lid as she walked[Enter]  
Our fridge was full of grilled fish[Enter]  
She heard a radio while she rowed[Enter]  
Ari is a kid who likes egg rolls[Enter]  
A selfless lad aided a rider[Enter]  
Elsa likes huge waffles[Enter]  
I asked for a doll for Larissa who is ill[Enter]  
Fish go free as hooks fail[Enter]  
Large whales swallow krill for food[Enter]  
A huge lake holds geese who glide[Enter]  
Darla was our old referee[Enter]  
A dark old owl flew higher[Enter]  
She rids flowers of weeds[Enter]  
Kora fed her hawk a large fish[Enter]  
He is sure we will see rows of roses[Enter]  
Jolie was gleeful for good fudge[Enter]  
I would guess war is awful for all of us[Enter]  
Dale said he would wash his goalie gear[Enter]  
Our grass is a sea of daffodils[Enter]

### Assessment #3: Covering lessons 1-9

(J F Space U R K D I E H G L S Right Shift O W Left Shift ; A Return/Enter)

#### (Grade 7-12)

Large giraffes look high for good food[Enter]  
Helga dragged her sled as Sid followed[Enter]  
She was so full of rage she wailed aloud[Enter]  
Delilah likes folklore while I read horror[Enter]  
We had a solid deal so our house was sold[Enter]  
Leigh was older so he was a real idol for Jose[Enter]  
We heard far off roars as herds of deer fled[Enter]  
We used a dishwasher for our soiled dishes[Enter]  
Kaela held her sides as she laughed hard[Enter]  
Daria asked for a folder so she saw her files[Enter]  
His fellows would lead as he held a flag high[Enter]  
As she hikes a ridge she sees a dreadful gorge[Enter]  
Dofi shirks her work as she sews herself a shawl[Enter]  
A glass jar fell off a dresser so Kadie used glue[Enter]  
Adroa released a wild eagle whose leg had healed[Enter]  
Jia Li was red as a radish as she heard of her gaffe[Enter]  
Alessio welded a door so he would seal a useless hall[Enter]  
Giada is also afraid of his false laughs or rude jeers[Enter]  
Sadie swallows fried eggs as she sees her waffles[Enter]  
A gold dollar will wake a selfish desire like greed[Enter]  
His head is held high as he walks while I look low[Enter]  
Ella reads for a half hour as Les looks for his shoe[Enter]  
Grass like jade is full of odd life like larks or frogs[Enter]  
Eli used large fallow fields as he grew his radishes[Enter]  
Allie said his joke was hilarious as all laughed hard[Enter]  
A lawless rogue guided a raid for a high wage[Enter]  
We were awed as he glowered so we heeded his words[Enter]  
A ruler showed his heir how ideal leaders should lead[Enter]  
A referee sees a hard rodeo rider urge his horse[Enter]  
He had a swagger as he swore his ride was arduous[Enter]  
Lawful sheriffs guard jailed losers who used ruses or wiles[Enter]  
We were all agog as Fajga rode a saddled horse[Enter]  
Allegra wishes she would follow her serious soldier[Enter]

## Assessment #4: Covering lessons 1-15

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Backspace Y T Tab Arrow Keys B N)

### (Grades K-2)

Birds and beasts use language too[Enter]  
They talk just like people do[Enter]  
Puppies bark; a wolf will howl[Enter]  
Kittens purr but bears will growl[Enter]  
Rodents squeak while horses neigh[Enter]  
Night owls hoot and sleep by day[Enter]  
Turtles hide; hyenas sneer[Enter]  
A splash shows that a fish is near[Enter]  
Bugs will sing all through the night[Enter]  
Larks begin at the first light[Enter]  
Butterflies spread radiant wings[Enter]  
The dolphin squeals; the blue whale sings[Enter]  
Geese will honk while fireflies glow[Enter]  
People grin and say hello[Enter]

## Assessment #4: Covering lessons 1-15

(J F Space K D I E H G L S Right Shift O W Left Shift ; A Return/Enter P Q  
Backspace Y T Tab Arrow Keys B N)

### **(Grades 3-6)**

People talk in quite a lot of different ways[Enter]

Talking aloud is just one way to speak:[Enter]

Another way is to use gestures or signs[Enter]

Not all people are able to hear or speak[Enter]

These people use Sign Language to talk[Enter]

Sign Language uses hand gestures instead of words[Enter]

A few of these signs are easy to understand:[Enter]

Others are hard if you do not know the language[Enter]

One gesture that lots of people know is the sign for hunger:[Enter]

To do this sign you put your hands on top of your belly[Enter]

Other signs are a little bit harder to do:[Enter]

If you want to show you are happy you open your hand and strike your heart[Enter]

To show anger you need to look angry first:[Enter]

Then you bend your fingers slightly and put your hand on top of your heart:[Enter]

Let your fingers suddenly fly away to finish the sign[Enter]

## Assessment #4: Covering lessons 1-15

(J F Space K D I E H G L S Right Shift O W Left Shift ; A Return/Enter P Q  
Backspace Y T Tab Arrow Keys B N)

### (Grades 7-12)

We all know that authors write books[Enter]

But the authors do not print books on their own[Enter]

Before a written book ends up on the shelf of a library or bookstore it has to be printed; this is done using a printing press[Enter]

The first printing press was built by Johannes Gutenberg[Enter]

Before this press was built people had to write books by hand[Enter]

If you wanted two sets of a single book you had to rewrite the whole thing[Enter]

The new press allowed Gutenberg to print a single page again and again[Enter]

The press was a fast and easy way to generate written books for people to read[Enter]

As another bonus the printed letters were easier for people to understand[Enter]

The Gutenberg press altered history[Enter]

Initially only a tiny handful of people were able to read and write[Enter]

As other people learned to read there was a greater need for printed books[Enter]

With the help of the printing press the words of kings and priests were passed down to readers;[Enter]

The ideas of great thinkers were likewise easily distributed[Enter]

As history went on a lot of people helped to upgrade the original printing press[Enter]

The Gutenberg press had to be operated by hand; later presses were faster[Enter]

As printing presses got faster people started printing newspapers as well as books[Enter]

Newspapers needed to be printed daily[Enter]

Faster printing presses allowed people to learn about what was happening in the world on a daily basis[Enter]

Today a lot of traditional presses are going up against new ways to print[Enter]

Digital data is used to print books and newspapers[Enter]

Ink jet and laser printers no longer require typeset presses for printing[Enter]

Older printing presses are going out of style[Enter]

Still it is good to know that the art of printing is flourishing in a new age[Enter]

Assessment #5: Covering lessons 1-20

(J F Space K D I E H G L S Right Shift O W Left Shift ; A Return/Enter P Q  
Backspace Y T Tab Arrow Keys B N M V , C . X / Z ?)

**(Grades K-2)**

I talk on the phone with my friends. We tell stories to each other. One story was about a quick brown fox. He jumps over lazy dogs. The dogs do not like it. They want to sleep. The fox wakes them up. Then the dogs run after the fox. They run down a hill to the school. The teacher stops the fox. The dogs stop too. They play on the swings. Dogs look funny when they swing. They swing high and low. The fox slides down the slide. The teacher laughs out loud. Do you like my funny story?

## Assessment #5: Covering lessons 1-20

(J F Space K D I E H G L S Right Shift O W Left Shift ; A Return/Enter P Q  
Backspace Y T Tab Arrow Keys B N M V , C . X / Z ?)

### **(Grades 3-6)**

What if you saw a zebra and a kangaroo playing soccer? It would be quite a sight to see. The zebras and kangaroos are practicing to compete in the Animal Olympics. The zebras race across the soccer field as fast as they can. The kangaroos hop very quickly across the field with their powerful legs. As the animals kick the soccer ball, it soars far through the air. Both teams stop every few minutes to graze on the green grass.

All kinds of animals from around the world compete in the Animal Olympics. The zebras and kangaroos play soccer with penguins from Antarctica. They ski with chimps from Cameroon. They even wrestle with tigers from Russia. It was exciting to go to the Animal Olympics in Beijing, China. The animals took home many medals and good memories.

## Assessment #5: Covering lessons 1-20

(J F Space K D I E H G L S Right Shift O W Left Shift ; A Return/Enter P Q  
Backspace Y T Tab Arrow Keys B N M V , C . X / Z ?)

### (Grades 7-12)

The crowd was amazed to view the quickness of the juggler, as well as her dexterity. She was able to juggle six balls at once. It was astounding to see her juggle clubs, rings, beanbags, balls, and pieces of fruit without dropping any of them. It was even more exciting when she juggled while balancing on a unicycle. She juggled for several minutes without stopping.

Juggling was first documented in ancient wall paintings found in Egypt. Juggling has also been recorded in many other ancient civilizations, including Greek, Indian, Chinese, and Aztec. In the Middle Ages, juggling performers were looked down upon. Sometimes, jugglers would get into trouble for juggling in the streets. Interestingly, many of the kings at that time had jesters who juggled in their courts for entertainment.

In the eighteenth century, Philip Astley began the first modern circus in Great Britain. He employed jugglers, along with the rest of his acts, to entertain the crowds as they traveled through Europe.

Jugglers were used to perform between acts during the nineteenth century in theaters. Bringing the jugglers to indoor stages allowed them to execute more precise feats of nimbleness. This made juggling much more interesting to do and watch.

The International Jugglers Association, IJA, began in the middle of the twentieth century. It was designed for professional performers, but soon involved many people who just liked to juggle but not perform for audiences. The IJA even sponsors a World Juggling Day.

Juggling is a popular hobby today. To begin juggling, all one needs is three balls and a willingness to chase after them. What are you waiting for?

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### **(Grades K-2)**

Did you know that lighthouses are tall towers? Their size can be more than 100 feet! They are built near the sea. Many are on high cliffs. They have bright, flashing lights. A lighthouse might give a quick flash every 10 or 15 seconds. The light can be seen from far away. This helps boats in bad weather. Ships can see the light. It tells them where the rocky shore is. (That way, they don't crash!) One sailor said, "I can see the light from the sea. It makes my job easier. I feel safe and can relax."

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### (Grades 3-6)

Have you ever heard of Morse code? This system was invented by Samuel Morse in the 1830s. Unlike an alphabet, Morse code only has two characters; they are the “dot” and the “dash.” The “dot” is a quick burst of sound. The “dash” is a longer tone. Different patterns of dots and dashes are organized into letters, numbers, and symbols.

Before telephones, Morse code was used to send messages. These “telegrams” were made of electric pulses. The pulses were sent from person to person. The job of the receiver was to interpret the message and not mix up the dots and dashes.

Ships used Morse code to talk to each other. One important message was “S.O.S.” This was a call for help, meaning “Save Our Ship”. It was sent if a ship was sinking. In Morse code, “S.O.S.” is dot-dot-dot (S), dash-dash-dash (O), dot-dot-dot (S).

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### (Grades 7-12)

Jodi was strolling through the mall when she received a text message from her friend Sam. “Do u want 2 meet for dinner 2nite?” Sam asked. Jodi sat down on a bench as she typed her reply. “I can’t,” she responded. “I’m meeting Cynthia l8r. We r going 2 the movies. Want 2 come?”

She waited for Sam to answer. “Sure,” he responded. “What time?” Jodi thought for a moment. Her dad had promised to drop her off at Cynthia’s house at 7:00. They were going to grab a quick bite to eat, and then head over to the theater at 8:30. She bent over her keypad. “Meet us @ the theater @ 8:45.” She added, “Bring \$ for snacks.”

Once she received a confirmation from Sam, Jodi shut her phone and stood up. She had a few hours to kill before she needed to be home. She walked towards the bookstore. A book on the “New Fiction” rack caught her eye; the cover looked a lot like the poster of the movie they planned to see. She flipped through a few pages and realized the novel and the film were the same story. She shut the book quickly, to avoid seeing any spoilers, and texted Cynthia. “Wow,” she typed. “Looks like the novel of the movie is out already. Good thing we r going to see it 2nite.”

“Haha, wow indeed,” Cynthia responded. “R we still on for 7:00?” Jodi quickly responded in the affirmative and added, “p.s. Sam’s coming.” There was a pause, and then Jodi’s phone started ringing loudly. Blushing as heads in the store turned, she scurried out of the bookstore. “Sam’s coming?” Cynthia’s gasped. “THE Sam? How’d you ever manage that one?”

“Simple,” Jodi laughed. “I invited him. Of course, I didn’t say that it would be a romantic comedy.”