Touch-type Read & Spell

Touch-type Read and Spell (TTRS) (Grades 3-12) is a highly accessible, multi-sensory course that teaches touch-typing, reading, and spelling simultaneously. TTRS has 24 levels, each with 31 modules. Modules contain words organized into groups of spelling patterns. Students practice typing these patterns using the correct fingering for touch-typing. At the end of every four modules, there is a dictation module to reinforce patterns previously practiced. The keyboard and screen can be customized for sensory comfort and support.

This course is designed for students who also have difficulty synthesizing phonemes. Engaging the skill of touch-typing aims to provide an additional avenue of learning. It is an excellent resource for students challenged by dyslexia.

> This subscription is not available to HCOS Registered students.

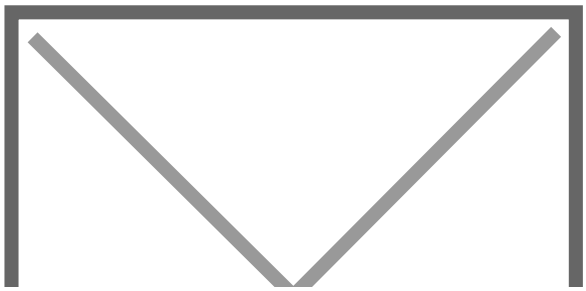
Logging In

There are three steps to log in to TTRS.

Step 1: Fill in this short machform.

Step 2: Wait for an email from Subscriptions Coordinator Margaret Basaraba with a username and password.

Step 3: Navigate to TTRS and enter the username and password from Margaret.



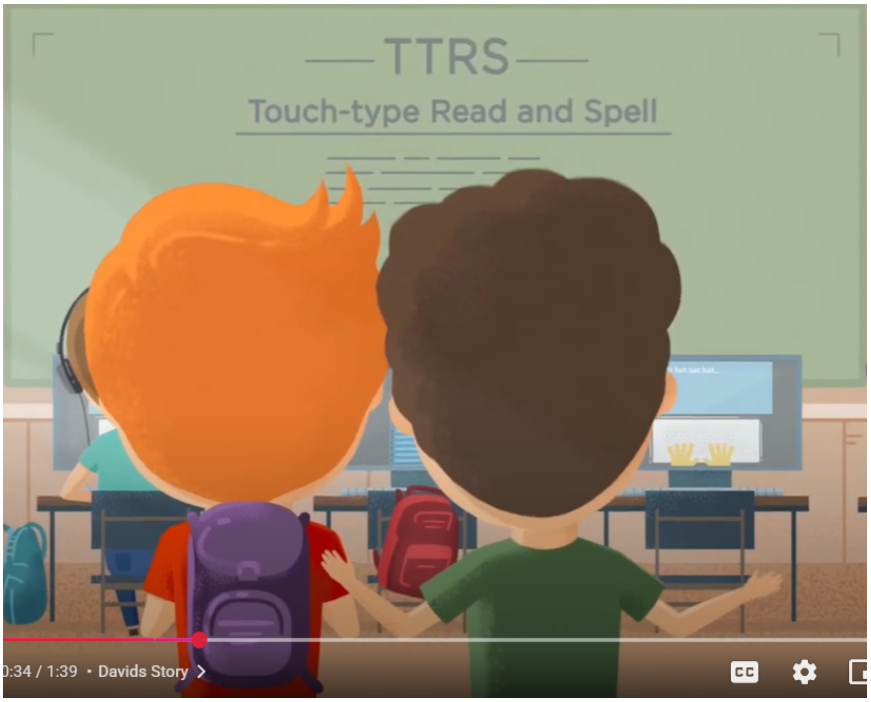
> If you are a Flex family, don't use the steps above. Navigate to TTRS and enter the username and password provided by your Flex teacher.

Navigation & Use

https://www.youtube.com/embed/w64KdAWnd0o

> Student accounts that are inactive for one year will be removed from the platform at the end of the school year.

Select the short video below to hear Mark's story.



Once you have logged in to the dashboard, you will see a bar at the top that allows you to access the TTRS main course, including statistics, subjects, messages, settings, notifications, and your profile information.

Hand-Placement while typing



The Hand Placement keyboard will not appear when using an iPad in a browser. Please download the TTRS app onto your iPad to see the hand-placement keyboard.

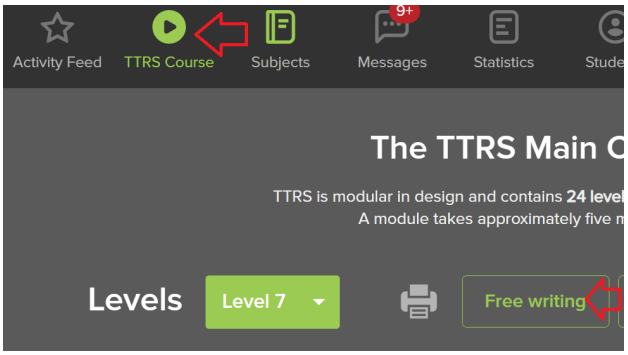
Subjects and Free Writing

The **Subjects** tab allows students to practice words within specific areas of interest (e.g., Art, Fitness, Gaming, Music, GCSE Religious Education through Christianity) or English and Spanish Language Arts content (e.g., spelling, grammar, parts of speech).



> Parents are encouraged to preview the age range suggestions for subjects to ensure the chosen subjects are age-appropriate.

Find **free writing** pages by selecting the "TTRS Course" button on the top menu. Select the green "free writing" button to get started.



Visit the TTRS Help Centre for more information on adjusting settings. It may also be helpful to download this printable daily checklist to help you keep track of your progress.

Glitches

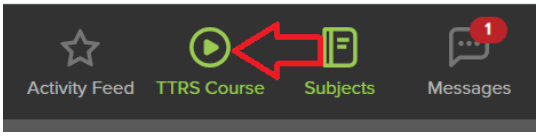
TTRS does not work well on an iPad.

Keyboards must be set to the US or Canada.

Find helpful suggestions from TTRS here.

If TTRS refuses to save your work, you can move on by following the instructions below. Please email Margaret Basaraba if you are having issues with TTRS.

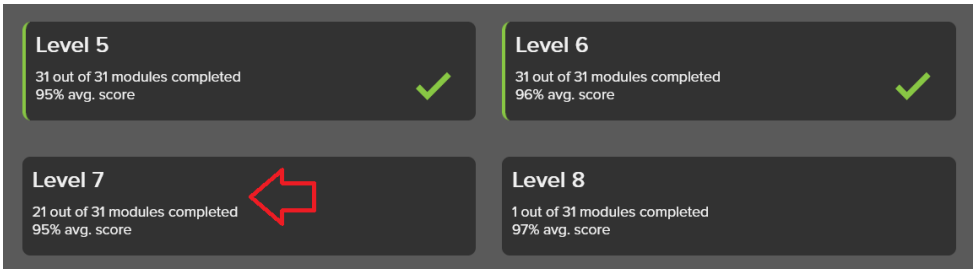
Log in to your account and select the "TTRS" Course button from the top of the page.



Select the toggle arrow to the left of the "Level" number.



Select the button for the level you are working on and continue.

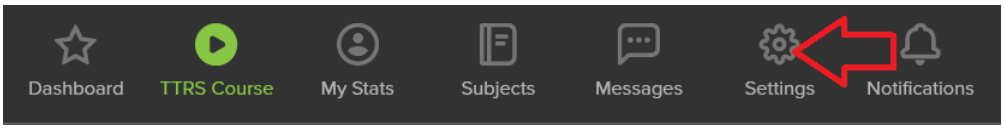


You can choose any level button.

Turning Audio Off

The default setting is for TTRS to read aloud the words that are being typed. The audio track accompanies the letters as they appear on screen, reinforcing sound-letter correspondence, which is a crucial skill for sounding out words in reading.

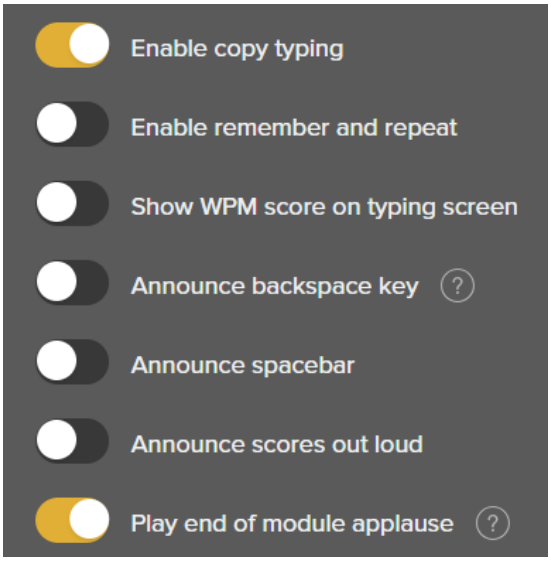
To turn the audio off, select "Settings" from the top menu bar.



Next, click on the "Audio and Typing" button.



Toggle off any of the audio buttons that you do not want to use. They will be gray when off and orange when on. The "Play end of module applause" button gives a brief amount of applause as students finish a module.



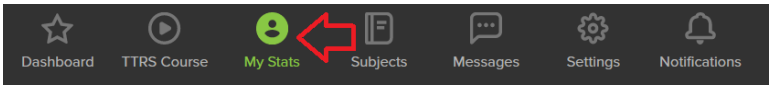
Every fourth module is in dictation mode, where the words are not displayed; instead, they are spoken aloud. If your sound is turned off, you will not be able to hear or see every fourth module.

Games

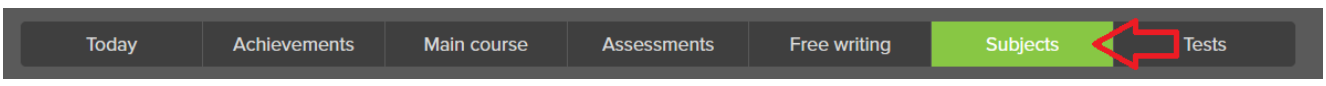
Games are available in TTRS after completing several modules. Email Margaret Basaraba to have games activated in your account settings.

Finding Reports

Select the "My Stats" tab to see how your student is doing.



The next page to load will show you the reports from the "Main Course." If your student is working in the "Subjects" area of the course, you will need to select "Subjects" to see those reports.



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