

TipTap Lite 2.2

"Kids will love it! Highly recommended for pre-primary and primary levels."

--*Sheila Rogers*

School psychologist and Director of the Alternative Therapy Network

TipTap Lite is a multimedia delight. . .A stunning application that will get young and old alike tap, tap, tapping away at the keyboard. A huge file, but well worth the time for the download.

— FAMILY PC Magazine (America Online)

TipTap Lite is a multimedia system providing a unique learning experience for children.

TipTap is a system designed to teach typing and handwriting skills, phonics, and grammar. The student receives a combination of auditory, visual and tactile reinforcement. This is known as a multi-sensory approach to learning and is beneficial for all students, regardless of individual learning style.

Through beautiful and colorful animations, illustrations, creative music and sound-effects, systematic repetition, and reinforcement of correct responses, youngsters happily engage in an exciting learning experience.

Lessons can be printed on either a dot matrix, laser or PostScript^(tm) printer, allowing children to create their own illustrated spelling books for practice, and serving as a visible record of their accomplishments. Exercises are designed to be brief; repetition is encouraged.

Features:

Phonics: Using studio quality, 8-bit human voice wave data, words are pronounced phonetically as the letters making up the sounds are emphasized on the screen.

Typing Tutor: Utilizing the built-in **text-to-speech** module, an animated robot, **Mr. Poly**, takes the student through 20 lesson/practice sessions teaching the basics of typing. Throughout the *TipTap* system there is an on screen, color coded, animated keyboard and visual representation of the hands

Text-to-Speech: *TipTap* has a built-in, state-of-the-art, text-to-speech synthesis module. This means the computer automatically takes typed-in words and sentences and "speaks" them aloud. It is designed to work with **any** sound card that uses the normal Windows sound system.

Fonts: *TipTap* comes with four unique TrueType fonts. One is for handwriting practice, another is for printing drawings based on the Phonics Lessons. A third is for the onscreen keyboard and the last one is used by the typing tutor for practice sessions.

Printing: *TipTap* prints using several formats. One prints the focus word of the Phonics Lesson with an illustration based on the animation. Separately, *TipTap* prints the accompanying words and sentence of the Phonics Lesson. Words from the **User's Word List** can also be printed. In all cases, pages are formatted with lines for handwriting practice. These allow children to create their own illustrated spelling books and serve as a visible records of their accomplishments. High quality output is achieved even on dot-matrix printers.

Word Exercises: There are three Word Exercise modes using both the Phonics Lesson words and words from the User's Word List:

Copy Words: displays each word and lets the user practice typing the words.

Spelling Bee: displays blank keys as the computer "says" the word to be entered outloud.

Match Game: takes the words and scrambles their order placing them into separate boxes. The computer "says" each word aloud as the student selects the box containing the matching word.

User's Word List: Parents and teachers can create their own list of words. The list can hold up to 36 words at a time and be used for **Word Exercises** and **Printing**. This is kept very simple. It is only necessary to type the words in, *TipTap* takes care of all the rest. Each word is automatically linked to be "read aloud" by the built-in **text-to-speech** module. *Optionally*, the words can be linked to a separate **Wave** file for voice or sound effects.

User's Sentences: The parent or teacher can create their own sentences to be added into the sentence area. Here each word is highlighted as they're "read aloud" by the built in **text-to-speech** module as each word is highlighted. A separate area allows the student to practice typing the sentences.

Animations: Besides the **Typing Tutor**, Phonics Lessons include a full motion animation with **sounds** and/or **midi music** to emphasize a word being taught. The most up-to-date version of Windows graphics (**WinG**) is used. This library from Microsoft is included in all versions of *TipTap*.

Multimedia: What *TipTap* accomplishes could not be replaced by using a book. The interactivity between the student and the computer is unique multimedia. However the program has been designed so as not to distract from the lessons being taught.

Options: *TipTap* allows the parent or teacher to configure the program to the level of the student and the way he/she works.

Positive Feedback Only: This program does not generate auditory or visual interruptions when incorrect input is entered. Rather than emphasizing incorrect responses, the program waits for the proper key to be selected. *TipTap Lite* also provides the *option* of **Letter Assistance**, the ability to accept a space bar in place of the proper key.

Spoken Voice: As part of the tutorial, professionally recorded 8-bit human voice wave data is used to phonetically pronounce and speak the focus word of the phonics lessons. The sentence part of the phonics lessons are also vocalized as each word is animated so the user can read along. The built-in text-to-speech module is later used for word exercises and sentences.

Online Help: *TipTap* has a complete context-sensitive help file that offers thorough explanations, tips, cross-referenced materials and other information about the program.

Manual: To compliment the **Online Help**, a manual detailing the system also comes with the registered version.

Installation Utility: Like any other professional program, *TipTap* comes with a full installation utility that installs all the files including the fonts and *WinG*. It also creates a group with icons in the program manager. The user is only responsible for telling the utility where to install the program. The installation is in three languages, **English**, **Spanish** and **German**.

Shareware Limitations: The distributed shareware version has the following limitations compared to the registered version: Only 2 user words are allowed -- You cannot print the user words -- You cannot add your own sentences -- There are only 2 of the 20 typing lessons -- There are only 5 animated phonics lessons -- You cannot expand the system with other modules and lessons

Minimum Requirements:

Intel 386-based (or higher) PC
4Mb of extended memory
4Mb harddrive disk space
Windows 3.1 or later, 100% compatible version
VGA 640x480 display with a 256 color palette
8-bit sound system for both midi and wave data
Dot-matrix, Laser or PostScript printer to print the lessons
(Includes) Microsoft **WinG** 1.0 Windows graphics software library
(Includes) Built-in **Text-to-Speech** synthesis module

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