

Speed Typing  
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INT. JAMES'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

JAMES is sitting alone in the dark, behind his computer. He talks to himself as he types.

JAMES

Hello, dearest, sweetest World  
Institute Of Super Speedy Typers, I  
read that the world's fastest typist  
can either type at around 200 words  
per minute, or maybe even around 300.  
I don't know what to believe, lol.  
Well I can absolutely thrash both of  
those speeds. And I mean really...  
lol. I can prove it, too. So, how  
about we meet up and talk business?  
Lol. Best wishes, James. Lmao.

JAMES looks hopeful as he waits for a reply. In just a few seconds, a beeping sound is heard.

JAMES

Wow, these people really do reply  
quickly...

JAMES reads from the screen.

WIOSST

Wow James, that's really impressive.  
We at the Institute of Super Speedy  
Typers absolutely LOVE speedy typers,  
which is how and why we replied to  
you so quickly. Lol. May I ask how  
long you've been speed typing?

JAMES types as he talks.

JAMES

Just a few days...

WIOSST

Wow. That really is amazing. Not only  
do we type things super fast at the  
WIOSST, we organise things really  
fast, too. How would you like to be  
on our TV show, tomorrow? Lol.

JAMES type-talks again.

JAMES

Lmao! Yes! Of course!

WIOSST

See you soon! Hahahaha!

JAMES looks delighted.

JAMES

Woo!

INT. TV STUDIO - DAY

JAMES sits at a table, facing the smartly dressed TV HOST (30). They are in a stylish room with a cool city view out of the windows. A typewriter on a desk, with a seat next to it is behind JAMES. Cameras point at them. Behind the cameras is the 50 strong AUDIENCE of all sorts of people.

TV HOST

Hello, James. My name is Ben. My parents chose it because it's really fast to say. Literally since birth I've always had a passion for speed. However, when my parents discovered Ben was short for Benjamin, they sadly had a nervous breakdown and are now in a mental home. But let's keep things light. How did YOU get into speed typing?

JAMES

I just noticed I was a lot faster than anyone else. It surprised me, really.

TV HOST

Great! Well, we're a fast show, so let's see you speed type now! Come with me.

The TV HOST sprints to the desk with the typewriter on it. JAMES follows looking excited. The TV HOST pulls the chair away so JAMES can sit on it. He does so.

TV HOST

Ok, James. I'm going to say words as fast as I possible can, and I want you to type them up as fast as you possibly can. Ok?

The TV HOST takes a deep breath and jabbbers.

TV HOST

Superspeedytypersareawseomelet'sallsa y'hooray'forsuperspeedytypers...

JAMES interrupts.

JAMES

Come again?

TV HOST  
You're nervous?

JAMES  
Damn right I'm nervous. I honestly  
don't think I've been more nervous.

TV HOST  
And why is that?

JAMES  
I can't choose the words I type? My  
plan was to type 'a' over and over  
again...

TV HOST  
I see...

JAMES  
So yeah. Can I do that instead,  
please? I am really good at it. You  
might be impressed!

The HOST bites his thumb, nervously. (And quickly).

TV HOST  
Errr...

JAMES  
(smiling broadly)  
Hey, look at this!

JAMES presses 'a' 'return' 'a' 'return' etc. as fast as he  
possible can. Someone in the AUDIENCE woops.

TV HOST  
You're not even coming close to the  
longer-word record at the speed  
you're typing...

JAMES continues to type as he talks.

JAMES  
Really? How about now?

JAMES types a bit faster.

JAMES  
Crap, I typed 's'.

JAMES continues anyway.

TV HOST

Ok, you've proved you can type 'a'  
and sometimes 's' reasonably fast.  
Well done.

JAMES stops typing and looks to the HOST.

JAMES

Thank you. Your kindness has made me  
feel at least a little bit better.

The HOST quickly smiles.

TV HOST

Tell me, what word do you get when  
you type 'a' over and over again?

JAMES

Aaaaaaaaaa?

TV HOST

(cheerfully)

Yes. It sounds like you're screaming.  
Which is coincidental, as...

JAMES

(interrupting)

No, stop! Before you attack me and be  
just like everyone else - which would  
be boring, wouldn't it? - you must  
remember I also typed 's'. I really,  
really like the word 'as'? Why?

TV HOST

That's definitely something to  
ponder...

JAMES

Yes. Ponder hard, you can't rush  
these things.

TV HOST

That really is a tough one. That  
really is a tough one. That is a  
tough one. (etc.)

NARRATOR

So, as the TV Host pondered on  
James's question for so long and  
repeated the same phrase over and  
over again, perhaps due to stress,  
James had plenty of time to leave the  
area and get to safety.

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NARRATOR (cont'd)

The audience left without being rushed for the first time ever, and in the end, the host achieved the world record for saying 'that really is a tough one' the most amount of times. He must have said it a million times. Sadly however, he didn't say the phrase as fast as he possibly could, and now he's very sad.