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Keyboard Shortcuts

A keyboard shortcut is a combination of keys that, when pressed simultaneously, perform a task that ordinarily requires use of a mouse and may take longer to do.

Here are a few keyboard shortcuts that I use regularly and love:

CTRL + Z: use to undo something you just did

CTRL + +: use to enlarge items on screen

CTRL + -: use to decrease the size of items on the screen

CTRL + P: use to print

CTRL + SHIFT + T: use to open the tab you last closed.

(Great for when you close out of a tab too quickly or by mistake.)

CTRL + T: use to open a new tab

SHIFT + click 1st picture and last picture: use this to select multiple photos in a series at one time

CTRL + picture: use this to select more than one photo at a time (This option allows you to skip photos you don't want to select.)

A Safe Way to Share YouTube Videos

When trying to share YouTube videos with students, other videos show up on the left side of the screen. This can be distracting to students and also show them inappropriate things.

Safeshare.tv allows you to show only the video you've selected on the screen. Once you've found a video you want to share, copy the web address. Next, open another tab and type in the following web

address: safeshare.tv. Paste the web address into the box on the page. Then click, Generate Safe Link. Last, click, Take me to safe view. A new tab will open and the video you selected will appear on the screen with no other videos around it.

Websites With Keyboarding Practice

I know your time with your students is valuable and limited, but I urge you to have students practice their keyboarding skills after finishing morning work, when finished with an assignment, or at center times. Here are some websites that offer practice:

<http://www.bigbrownbear.co.uk/learntotype/index.html>

http://www.abcya.com/kids_typing_game.htm

http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games.html

<http://www.keybr.com/>

I am still in the process of updating iPads, helping teachers create iCloud accounts, and adding the Pages app. If I haven't done this with you yet, I will be in to do it in the near future. 😊