



# Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow

## Objective

To provide students with a visual incentive to improve typing speed and accuracy.

## Procedure

After students have learned all of the alphabetic keys and have had several practices with timed writings, spend one day setting typing speeds.

The students do this by typing one-minute paragraph timed writings, then selecting their best speed of the day.

After the students leave the class, use masking tape to outline a huge snowman on one of the walls of your classroom.

The following day explain to the students that when the class works on speed development (as opposed to accuracy) they will be able to put a snowflake on the wall with their name on it each time they beat their previous high speed.





Once a snowflake is posted, the increased speed becomes the number they must exceed in order to put another snowflake on the wall. Snowflakes can be made out of simple cutouts or you can use your school's die cut machine. When the activity first begins, students quickly increase their speed and a lot of snowflakes are put on the wall to fill out the snowman. However, it soon becomes more difficult to increase speed, and it becomes a real honor to be able to add a snowflake to the snowman. Your students will find this a fun and challenging activity.

## Variation

This activity can easily be adapted to the time of the year that your particular class begins working on speed development. You could mask out the outline of an apple, a butterfly, a heart, or whatever your imagination will allow.

## Materials

Masking tape, and cutouts of paper snowflakes.

## Time Required

Use throughout a keyboarding course.