

CHAPTER 4

An Amazing Ancestor

True/False Questions

1. The QWERTY keyboard layout was designed to prevent frequently struck keys from colliding. (True/False)
2. Mark Twain claimed the typewriter was slower than handwriting. (True/False)
3. IBM introduced the electric typewriter before the 1930s. (True/False)
4. The manual typewriter was completely silent. (True/False)
5. Literacy is unnecessary for using digital keyboards. (True/False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. The typewriter is called the ancestor of the _____.
2. The QWERTY keyboard was first manufactured by _____ and Gidden.
3. IBM introduced the _____ in the 1930s.
4. Modern keyboards record data as _____ stored on discs.
5. Mark Twain praised the typewriter for not scattering _____.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why was the QWERTY layout created?
 - a) To follow alphabetical order
 - b) To prevent key collisions
 - c) For aesthetic appeal
2. Who wrote about the typewriter's virtues in 1875?
 - a) Sholes
 - b) Mark Twain
 - c) IBM engineers
3. What replaced the electric typewriter?
 - a) Manual typewriters
 - b) Digital keyboards
 - c) Handwriting
4. What company popularized the electric typewriter?
 - a) Apple
 - b) IBM
 - c) Microsoft

5. What remains unchanged in the ideal writing environment?
- a) Use of ink
 - b) Need for a desk and lamp
 - c) Loud typing sounds
6. What is NOT a feature of modern digital keyboards?
- a) Easy error correction
 - b) Physical key collisions
 - c) Data transmission over distances
7. What did Mark Twain NOT praise about the typewriter?
- a) Speed
 - b) Silent operation
 - c) Paper saving
8. What is essential for using typewriters or digital keyboards?
- a) Electricity
 - b) Literacy

- c) Internet access
9. What key feature distinguishes QWERTY from alphabetical layouts?
- a) Random letter placement
 - b) Aesthetic design
 - c) Preventing key jams
10. What replaced physical typewriter keys in digital systems?
- a) Touchscreens
 - b) Bits and bytes
 - c) Handwriting recognition