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**Thumbs on Fire**



**PART 1:** Watch “Thumbs on Fire Act-1”: <https://vimeo.com/99371274> and **answer the questions** **before continuing with “Act 2**”. You may “Rewatch” Act-1, if it will help with your estimations.

How many seconds do you think it would take to complete that text message? What’s your estimate?

Consider:

* How many words there are
* The length of the words

This is the Guinness World Records texting prompt that the texter wrote in the video.

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* The speed of the person texting

1) Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_seconds

Why? What would your highest estimate be?

What would your lowest estimate be??

What do you think is a reasonable estimate?

**PART 2:** “Thumbs on Fire Act -2” gives you a closer look at the text message. <https://vimeo.com/99369909>

2) Does this information change your original estimate? If so, how does it?

3) What is your Revised estimate?

**PART 3:** Watch the video to see how long it took to write the whole text message!

<https://vimeo.com/99367439>

3) Were you right? What factors do you think affected your original estimate?

Go to” typingtest.com” **on your phone** and you are able to TEST YOURSELF – how fast are YOU?? They provide a paragraph to test how fast YOUR fingers can fly? (No app, download or signup required) [www.typingtest.com](http://www.typingtest.com) (it says **typing** but on phones will test **texting** speed)

First attempt: content- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Results words \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ errors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ level. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Second Attempt: content: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Results words \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ errors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ level. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Third Attempt: content: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Results words \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ errors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ level. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Observations/reflections about my timed texting: