

Invention of The Typewriter

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About this Invention

- was invented 52 times
- different inventors tried to come up with better working designs



Some inventors

- In 1714, Henry Mill -- Britain
- In 1808 Italian Pellegrino Turri – developed to enable the blind to write. Also carbon paper.
- In 1829, William Austin Burt – “Typewriter” first documented working typewriter (Science Museum of London), was slower than handwriting
- 1829 to 1870, many printing or typing machines were patented by inventors in Europe and America, but none went into commercial production.

Uses

- **Then:**
 - To replace handwritten texts
 - To help blind to read
 - To be neat
 - To avoid erasing or counterfeiting public records
- **Now:**
 - Almost obsolete
 - 1980s – mostly replaced by word-processors and personal computers
 - But still used by some famous writers

I chose this topic...

- I like to write,
- first learned to type in 7th grade on an old-fashioned (not electric) typewrite,
- remember typing papers in high school, and when I made a mistake, I had to start all over again.
- I prefer typing to handwriting, so I use a computer a lot, and the typewriter was the precursor to the computer.
- Therefore, I appreciate this invention because it did make my life easier but not as much as a computer does.

