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Does this indicate I'm spending too much time at the computer?

Thursday, February 28, 2013

I've worn the letters right off the keys.



I hope the picture is clear enough.

The letters
E,R,Y,U,I,O
A,S,H,L
N

Are totally or almost all worn off.

My laptop is 5 years old. I've just bought a new one, but still spend time with this old reliable. I've been retired for 5 years so that does explain the time to be online. Still, I was a teacher and technology coordinator in my working life, so being attached to a keyboard was always a normal part of my day.

I remember reading "The Gold Bug" in elementary school about code breaking based on most used letters of the alphabet. The wear on my keyboard verifies this theory. The Q,W,Z,X,C,B,V are as good as new.

Regardless of the effect on my keyboard, I must say that the time spent online has been very worthwhile. It's partly responsible for the "new me" since the time spent on SP keeps my motivation high and the support I've received has encouraged me to keep writing.

However, it's a good thing I touch type. My keyboard really frustrates my 'hunt and peck' DH.

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KRISKECK

Wow, someone else does it too! I completely wear the "N" off of every keyboard I use!



Funny...

Kristin

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CD2348080

I'm glad I'm not the only one whose keyboard is getting unreadable.



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MERRYMARY42

with me, there is a fine line of not quite enough,, just right, and way over the line, and I seem to be way over that line lately, just get lost in this machine



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BOILHAM

Wow, you'd better get away from the keyboard and out on the road!



LOL

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DONNA5281

To funny! It's a good thing you have another one.



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CD13252816

Hysterical. Let me take up a collection to get you a new one!!!



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DR1939

I've worked with computers since I was 19 (73 now). I was assigned to the first computerized billing system Gulf Oil installed in 1959. As a secretary I used the first tape-based computer/typewriter in our office and maybe in the state of Missouri. I learned programming on a mini-mainframe (still huge), spent many hours using a Decawriter connected to an IBM mainframe, and purchased a very early version of a PC as well as many more in the following years. At one time I knew BASIC and FORTRAN and wrote programs in them as well as using several analytical packages. And I could read punch cards!

My father was a cryptographer in WWII and talked about computers as I grew up, not by name but by concept. I knew about them before I knew about television.

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CELIAMINER

Great blog - funny and educational! My work keyboard looks like yours, but it also has crumbs and even spilled yogurt between the keys (oops). My home laptop has back-lit keys, so I just turned off the back lighting to see if they were worn down, but they're still amazingly visible given how much time I spend on the computer (waaaaaay too much).

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WILSONWR

You are writing a lot! You deserve a new laptop!

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SUNSET09

Get a new keyboard and start all over again! It seems, you're computer works just fine and kow your keys by heart, which is a good thing! IF that what it takes to keep you motivated and

logging on, do YOU!

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SUZYMOBILE

I see you have the shiny space bar, too!
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CD13227574

You must have the fastest, most flexible fingers in the universe. Me, I just wear the numbers off my knitting needles. Too bad we all can't wear the numbers down on our scales like that. Think



how skinny we'd all be!
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MISCHAKEO

That was amusing. Online Spark keeps me motivated also. Keep writing. I love your posts.
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GINIEMIE

Yep, so I can look forward to my keyboard looking like that in 4 more years?
I don't have a laptop, although I've been thinking about one. Erik has two, but they are Macs and I can't wrap my head around them.
I like my PC but it leaves me stuck in my office instead of in the same room as him.



You just keep sparking my . We need your input.



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TORTOISE110

Way back when in social science class we would call your faded keys an "unobtrusive measure." Clearly, you have a "streak" going!

3028 days ago



CD8113065

Maybe it just means you have a cheap keyboard.

Just kidding. I'm on the computer help desk where I work, and we are always replacing keyboards because the letters have worn off. Very seldom do the keyboards actually break.

It's possible to buy replacement letters, they are just stick-ons after all, but I would much rather spend the money on a new keyboard than spend the time to peel and paste all those letters.
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YMWONG22

Seeing your keyboard kind of reminded me of my previous company keyboard. I had my previous keyboard for around 5 years. Instead of wearing the letters off the keyboard like you did, the keyboard I used to have looks shiny and super glossy as I tend to sweat quite a lot and I have rather oily skin.

I have a new PC now at work now. This one is just over one year. The keyboard started to look shiny and super glossy like my previous one. Hahaha



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AZMOMXTWO

gee I guess i must spend to much time on the pc alao because my letters are worn out also
LOL

have a gteat day
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