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## Unlocking Potential

### Special Keyboards

**Special keyboards make it easier (or possible) for students to input in a normal way**

**Large keyboards**, sometimes called



expanded keyboards are for students who have difficulty in hitting the right key they often have a keyguard built in and the keys are larger or set further apart to allow the user more margin for error in selection.

**Small keyboards** are for people who



have a restricted range of hand movement, who cannot reach across the standard item. They sometimes have a trackball built in to further reduce the movement required.

**Simplified keyboards** have a



reduced range of keys and each of the keys is much bigger than the standard ones. They are designed to help those with either poor eyesight, or who a simplified selection of letters.

**The Intellikeys Keyboard** has a



selection of overlays that allow many different key sets to be used. Simply slipping in a new overlay sets up the new key set. Special key sets are quite easy to make and install. It can be fitted with a keyguard and be used like a concept keyboard with pictures or drawings.

If you are using a special keyboard in a situation where it is not attached to the same machine all the time try and ensure it has a USB connection. This allows it to be plugged and unplugged without resetting the machine and allows the standard keyboard to be used at the same time. If the keyboard is not available with USB connections a cheap adapter is available.