

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

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The phrase shown in metal moveable type, used in printing presses (image reversed for readability)

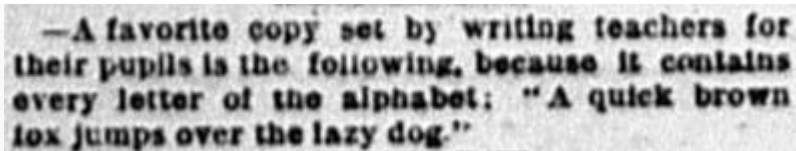
"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" is an English-language **pangram**—a **sentence** that contains all of the letters of the **alphabet**. It is commonly used for touch-typing practice, testing **typewriters** and **computer keyboards**, displaying examples of **fonts**, and other applications involving text where the use of all letters in the alphabet is desired. Owing to its brevity and coherence, it has become widely known.



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Item from the February 10, 1885, edition of *The Boston Journal* mentioning the phrase "A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog."

The earliest known appearance of the phrase is from *The Boston Journal*. In an article titled "Current Notes" in the February 10, 1885, morning edition, the phrase is mentioned as a good practice **sentence** for writing students: "A favorite copy set by writing teachers for their pupils is the following, because it contains every letter of the alphabet: 'A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.'"^[1] Dozens of other newspapers published the phrase over the next few months, all using the version of the sentence starting with "A" rather than "The".^[2] The earliest known use of the phrase in its modern form (starting with "The") is from the 1888 book *Illustrative Shorthand* by Linda Bronson.^[3] The modern form (starting with "The") became more common despite the fact that it is slightly longer than the original (starting with "A").

As the use of typewriters grew in the late 19th century, the phrase began appearing in typing lesson books as a practice sentence. Early examples include *How to Become Expert in Typewriting: A Complete Instructor Designed Especially for the Remington Typewriter* (1890),^[4] and *Typewriting Instructor and Stenographer's Hand-book* (1892). By the turn of the 20th century, the phrase had become widely known. In the January 10, 1903, issue of *Pitman's Phonetic Journal*, it is referred to as "the well known memorized typing line embracing

