

Learning basic computer skills

Top Apps for Learning Basic Computer Skills (Beginner-Friendly)

1. GCFLearnFree (via Website or YouTube) <https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/>

- Free
 - **What it teaches:** Basic computer use, email, typing, internet, Windows/Mac skills.
 - **Format:** Videos and interactive lessons.
 - **How to use:** Visit gcflearnfree.org using Safari on your iPhone/iPad.
 - *Best for:* Absolute beginners who want to learn at their own pace.
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2. Youtube

- **Compter Training For Beginners**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2kg3MOK1sY&t=361s>
 - 1 hour
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 - **How to use a computer browser – browse the internet**
 - **Edge,Google,Safari,**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FxirRVJWUTs>
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 - **How to use a search engine - search the web address book**
 - **Google,Bing,Yahoo,Duckduckgo,Wolframalpha**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eKVizvYSUQ>
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3. Skillshare <https://www.skillshare.com/en/>

- Free trial
 - **What it teaches:** Computer literacy, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), typing, and more.
 - **Format:** Short video lessons.
 - **Note:** Subscription required after trial.
 - *Best for:* Adults who want visual, instructor-led lessons.
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4. LinkedIn Learning

- **What it teaches:** Excellent beginner courses like:
https://www.linkedin.com/learning/search?keywords=basic+computers&upsellOrderOrigin=default_guest_learning&trk=homepage-learning_learning-search-bar_search-submit
 - *Computer Literacy for Windows 10/11*
 - *Learning Email Basics*
 - *Basic Internet Navigation*
 - **Note:** Requires subscription (first month free).
 - **Best for:** Career-minded learners or those re-entering the workforce.
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5. TypingClub (via Safari browser)

- **What it teaches:** Learn how to type on a full keyboard (important if you plan to use a computer or external keyboard with iPad). <https://www.typingclub.com/>
 - **Best for:** Improving typing speed and confidence.
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6. Coursera (Beginner Courses)

- Try these entry-level courses: 7 day free trial
https://www.coursera.org/search?query=computer%20basics&utm_medium=sem&utm_source=gg&utm_campaign=b2c_namer_x_coursera_ftcof_courseraplus_cx_dr_bau_gg_sem_bd-ex_us-ca_en_m_hyb_25-04_core-exact&campaignid=22465087598&adgroupid=178346929196&device=c&keyword=coursera&matchtype=e&network=g&devicemodel=&creativeid=747472848207&assetgroupid=&targetid=kwd-36262515261&extensionid=&placement=&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22465087598&gbraid=0AAAAADdKX6aKabYBBz25N2Rk-heFoKDsf
 - *"Digital Literacy"* by Microsoft
 - *"Computer Basics for Absolute Beginners"*
 - Watch videos directly in the app or download for offline use.
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Bonus Apps & Tips

Need to Learn	Use This
Email Basics	Gmail app or Apple Mail, plus lessons on YouTube or GCFLearnFree
Internet Browsing	Safari (practice using bookmarks, searching, navigating sites)
Keyboard & Mouse Skills	Practice on iPad with an external keyboard or pointer
Video Calls	Zoom or FaceTime (practice setting up and joining calls)