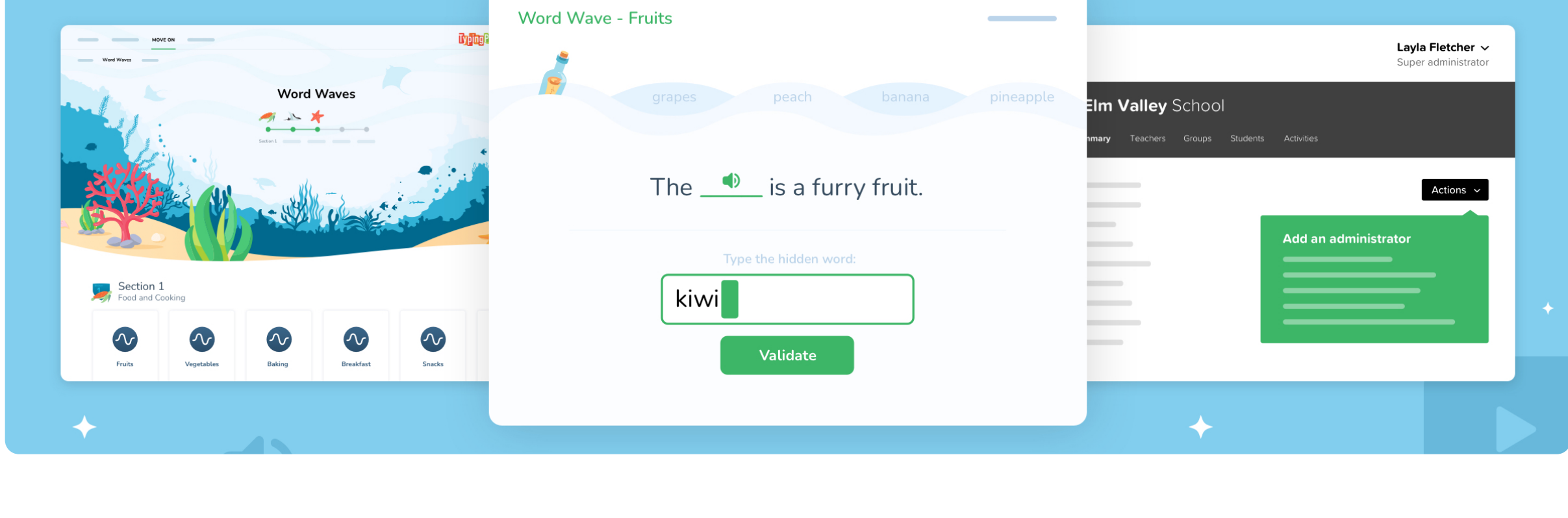


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What's New for Typing Pal in 2024?

SCHOOL EDITION



Typing Pal's annual update rolled out on June 26, 2024 (read [Druide informatique's press release](#)) in anticipation of the next school year. This year's improvements include the addition of an exciting new activity that is sure to have you grinning from ear to ear. 🎧 Read on to learn more about the most notable improvements made to Typing Pal's School Edition and the ways you and your students can benefit.

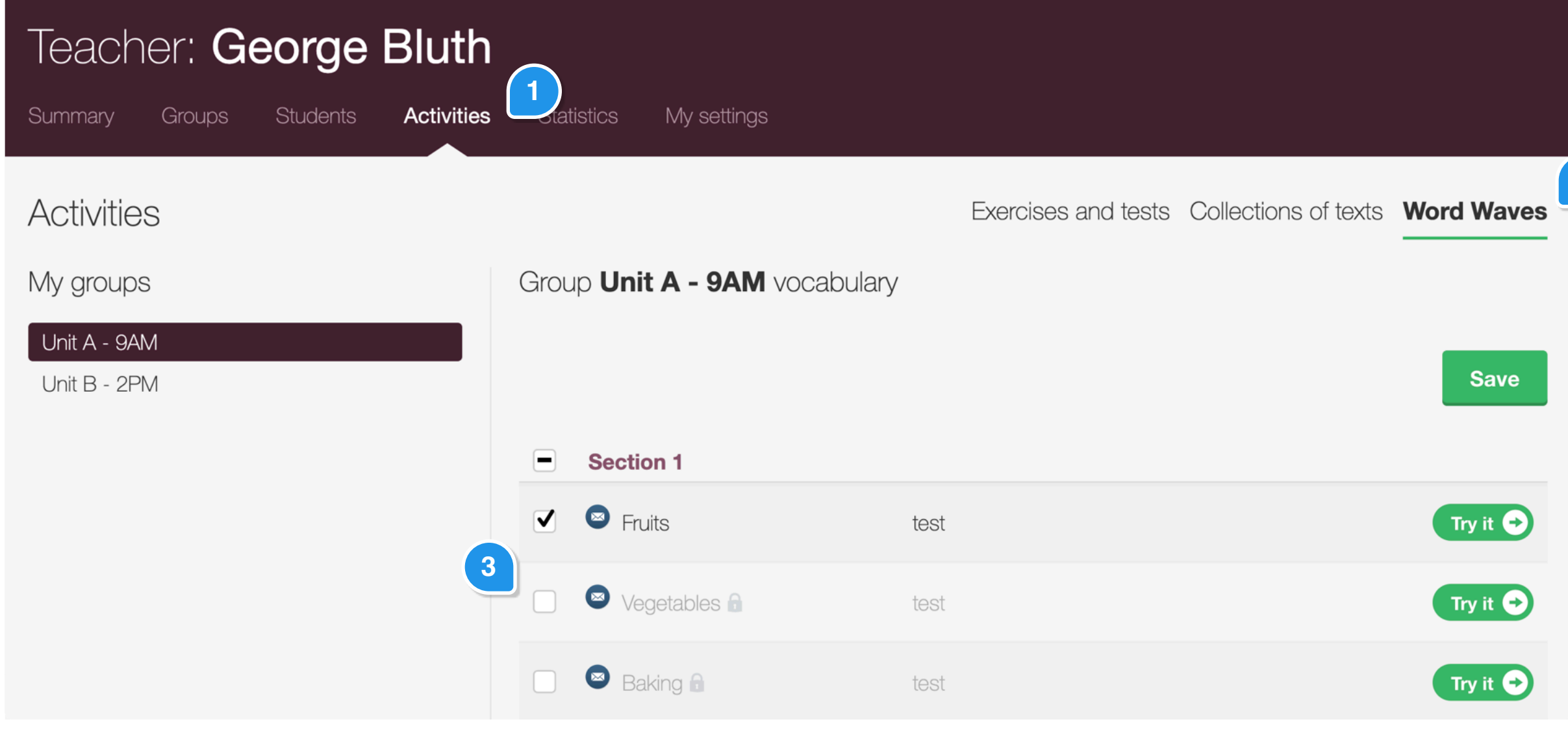
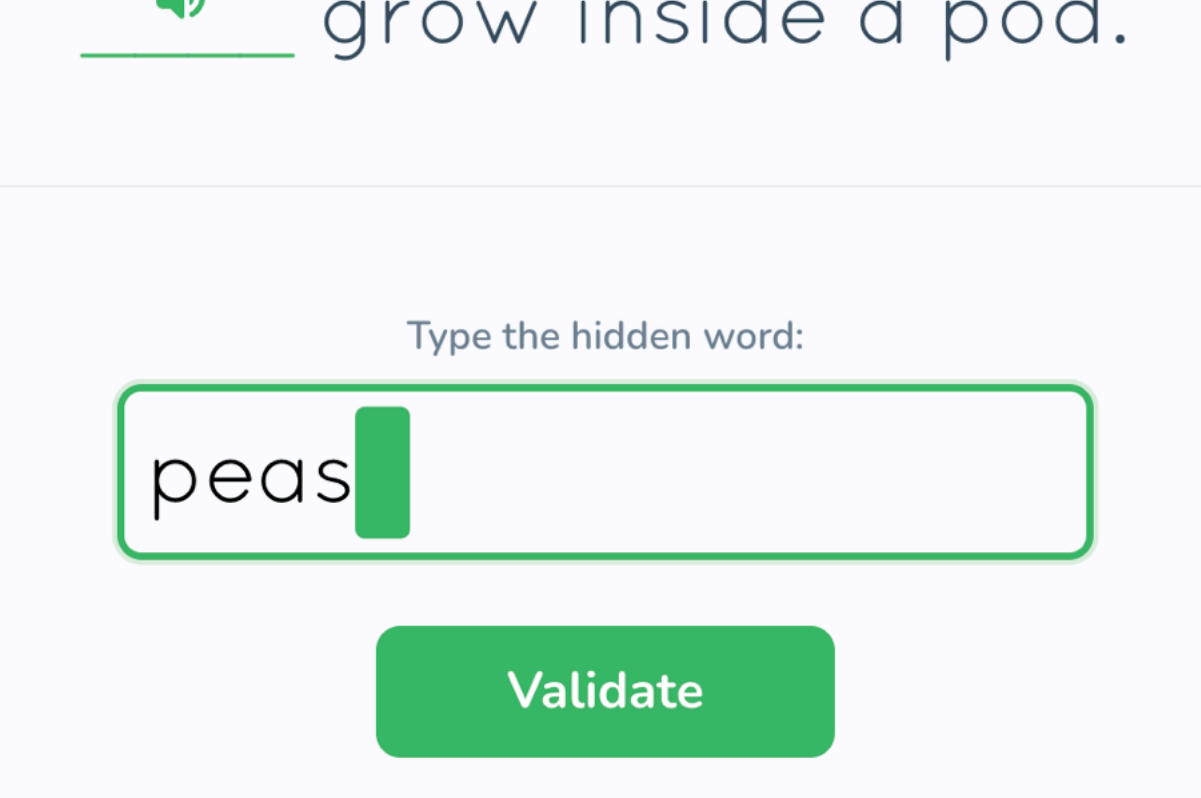
Word Waves Offers a Whale of a Time

Tell your students to grab their keyboards and get ready to surf the sounds of this new activity. They'll boost their vocabulary all while perfecting their typing technique. Just point them towards the *Word Waves* link under the *Move on* tab in the student interface.

Word Waves features themed drills where students start by learning to type a word quickly while also spelling it correctly. Once they've practiced their technique by eye, they move on to training by ear: they hear the word spoken and type it out again without seeing it on the screen. If they make a mistake and catch it before validating their answer, they can use the **backspace** key to correct it—a Typing Pal first!

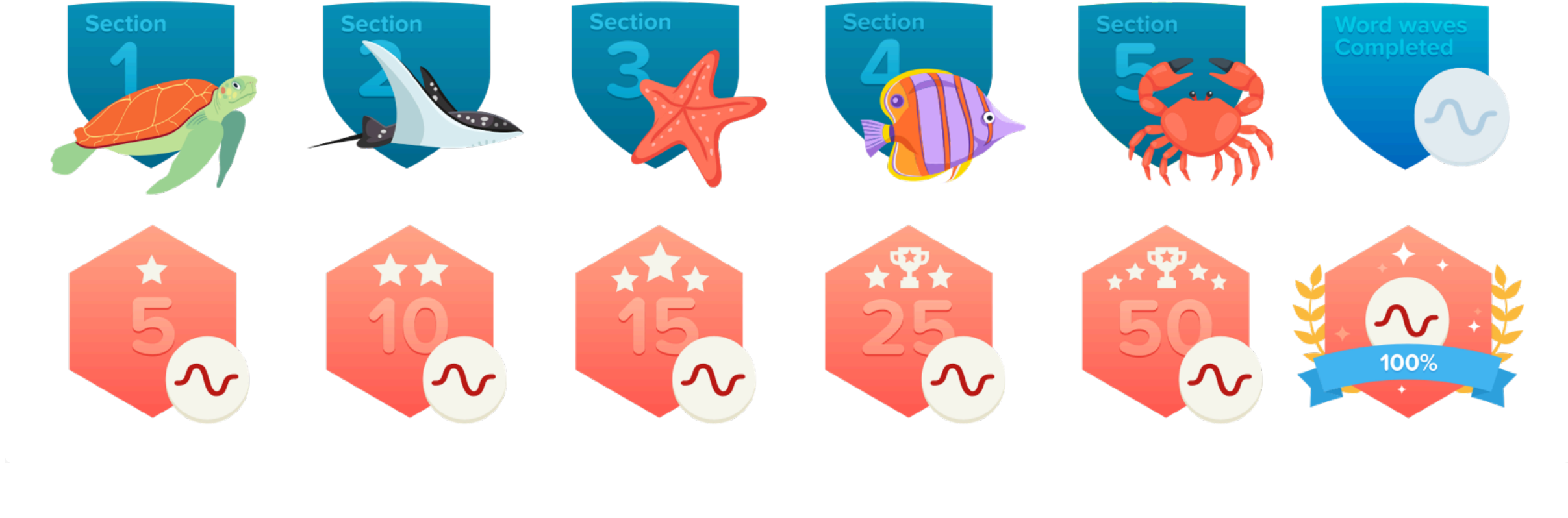
After their spelling is checked, they can further enrich their understanding of the word by viewing its definition (extracted from the writing assistant *Antidote's* dictionaries) on the screen.

Like the practice texts, students can access all Word Waves by default. If you prefer to save them for special occasions or whenever you feel the time is right, you can block access to them from the management interface: click the *Activities* tab (1), then *Word Waves* (2), and uncheck the activities you want to lock (3).



You can even take the plunge yourself by [logging in as a student!](#)

A Treasure Trove of New Badges



Students can earn a wealth of new progress and performance badges when they complete each section, when they complete all the sections and when they achieve 100% accuracy on 5, 10, 15, 25, 50 and all Word Waves.

They can even pull a new mystery badge from the depths... if they can figure out how to snag it! Should they need a hint, they can find one for every mystery badge by clicking the *Badges* link under the *Results* tab in the student interface. And you can always find the solutions in the management interface: access a student's profile, then click the *Badges* tab. The mystery badges and the conditions required to unlock them are identified by a question mark.



Improved Training Tools

Twice the Spells to Type

The star feature of last year's update, *Magical Duel*, is a fantasy adventure game that lets students practice their technique by typing out spells for their character to cast against cursed challengers. This year we've doubled the number of incantations available to type for even more variety. Now's the perfect time for superfans to revisit the challenge!

If you still haven't explored the game's magical realm, you'll just be all the more bewitched by its expanded enchantments. Click the *Games* link under the *Move on* tab and invoke your spirit of adventure!



Updated Introductory Video

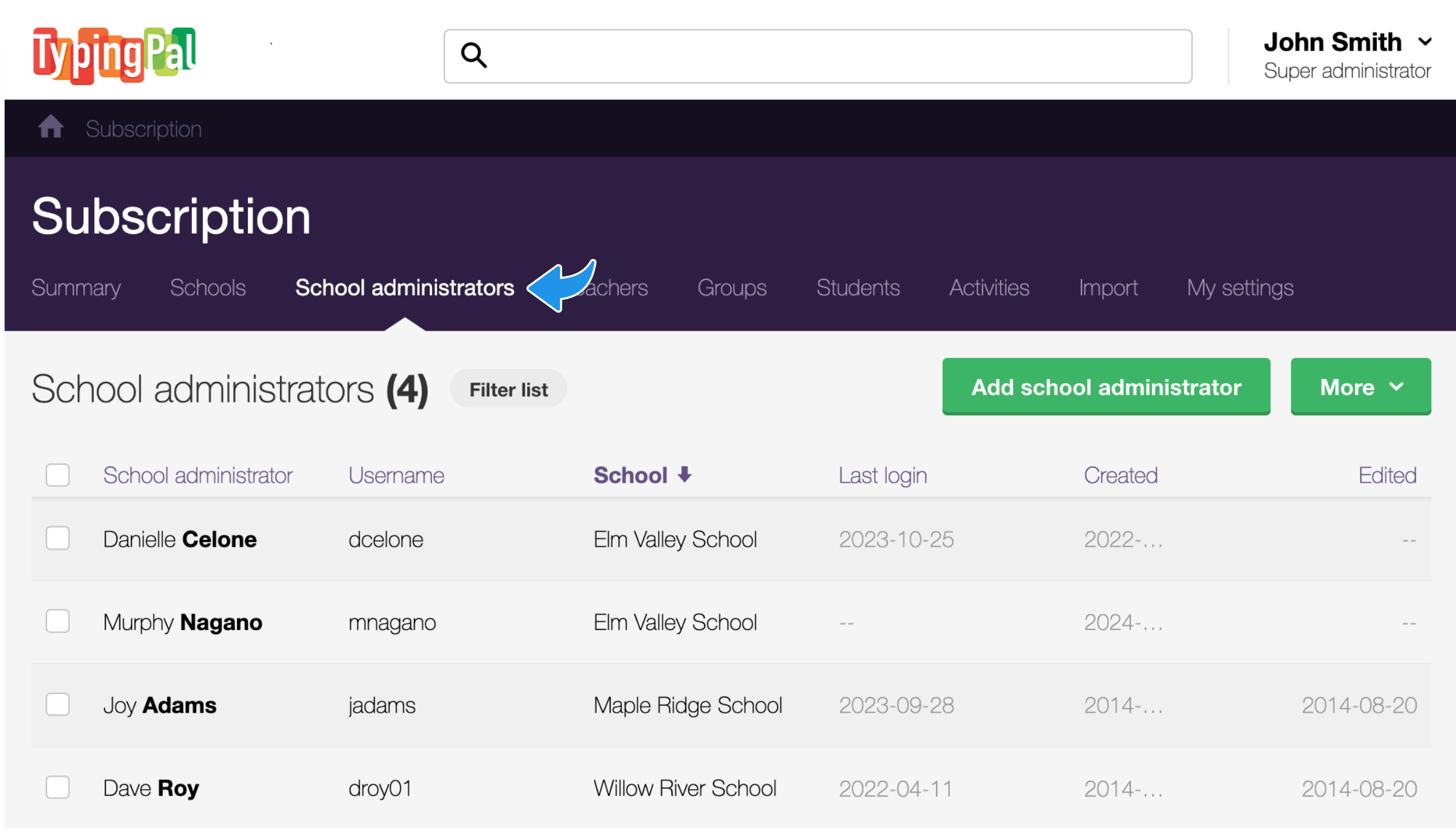
The *7 Keys to Success* video has been revamped to better illustrate the best practices your students should follow if they want to learn to type quickly. When classes are back in session, make sure they take the time to watch it and familiarize themselves with the principles it teaches so they can really key into their potential. They can view the video at the top of the training program by clicking *Basic Advice* under *Preparation*.



Multiple School Administrators

We've said it before, and we'll say it again: Your feedback is invaluable to us. The proof? Once more we've acted on input from educators and school staff to make a much-requested improvement to Typing Pal's management structure. The super administrator (the person who manages the subscription) can now assign multiple school administrators to share the responsibility of managing the platform for a single school!

A new *School administrators* tab in the management interface lets the super administrator [add school administrators](#) manually or by file import, just like teachers and students. Now the super administrator can provide schools with a safety net by adding a backup account so someone can stand in for the usual administrator in a pinch. That way a school doesn't inadvertently find itself stuck without one when duties are reassigned or when roles change, for example.



We'd like to extend a big thank you to everyone who provided feedback and ideas for 2024. Feel free to [write to us](#) with comments on these new features and suggestions for the next round of improvements.

Have fun exploring this latest release!

