

Rolling Coins was initially created in 1983 on an Apple 2E microcomputer. A second version was created in 2003 on a PC clone using GWBASIC. The version you see on the web was created in 2021, and it is purposely made to retain the use of the keys on the keyboard to initiate actions on the screen as in the days before widespread use of the mouse.

Rolling Coins/spanagram.com is an anagrams and/or spoonerisms editor.

Begin by typing a word or string to be worked on and press enter. Once the string appears with the two orange carets below it you are able to move to the next step.

To move a caret to a spot below a different character, press the 1 key for the left caret or the 2 key for the right caret. Now the legend of the commands should have (1.) l caret or (2.) r caret in reversed text indicating that you may move that caret. Move the caret left or right with the < (less than) and the > (greater than) keys until you have the caret in the desired spot. Then press the 3 key to end the caret move operation. Once the legend returns to standard text you can move the other caret, if you desire, by typing the other of (1.) l caret or (2.) r caret. Do not forget to press (3.) end caret move at the end of the second caret move operation.

To switch letters you have four choices: switch 1, switch 2, switch 3 or switch 4. Switch 1 will switch the first set of consonants, indicated by the left caret, with the first set of consonants indicated by the right caret. Switch 2 will switch the first set of vowels, indicated by the left caret, with the first set of vowels indicated by the right caret. Switch 3 will switch only the character indicated by the left caret with the character indicated by the right caret. Switch 4 will reverse the letters of a string from where the right caret is placed back to where the left caret is placed, including the letters above the carets. To switch letters or reverse a string, place the carets at the proper points and then press the number corresponding to the switch indicated on the legend (4, 5, 6 or 7).

Also you have the possibility of deleting a single character or inserting a single character with (7.) dai (delete and insert). To delete a character, first move the right caret below the character you want to delete, then press 7 and then press d for delete. Your character should be deleted. To insert a character, move the right caret to below the character just to the right of where you wish to insert and then press 7 and then press i for insert. Now press the character on the keyboard that you wish to insert. The character should appear in your word or string just to the left of where the right cursor was positioned.

If the keyboard cursor is moved from the small text box at the lower part of the screen then some operations may not work. If you have trouble, try placing the keyboard cursor in the little box by clicking in the box with the left mouse button.

To get back to the rolling coins screen press the browser back arrow.