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If you're logged into a workstation, you can use the arrow keys (though not the numeric keypad arrows) to move the cursor around your window. Additionally, emacs has another set of control characters for movement:

To move forward one character, type	CTRL-f
To move backward one character, type	CTRL-b
To move to the next line, type	CTRL-n
To move to the previous line, type	CTRL-p
To move to the end of a line	CTRL-e
To move to the beginning of a line	CTRL-a

There are also some useful commands that use the Meta key. Additionally, the ESC key can be used in place of Alt/Meta. The table below provides both versions of the key combination.

(Note that you must hold down Alt and then press the next key; ESC can be pressed and released before hitting the next key).

To move forward one word	ESC f M-f
To move backwards one word	ESC b M-b
To move to the end of a sentence	ESC e M-e
To move to the beginning of a sentence	ESC a M-a
To move to the end of the buffer	ESC > M->
To move to the beginning of the buffer	ESC < M-<

Notice how most of the commands are mnemonic.