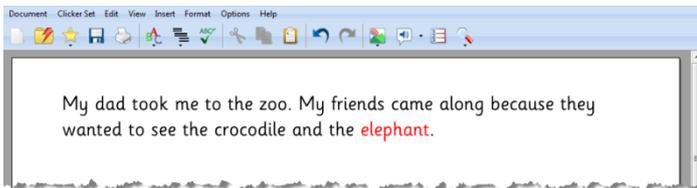# Clicker 6

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What is Clicker?

Clicker is the literacy tool that supports children of all ages and abilities in a creative and engaging way. It consists of a primary talking word processor, an integrated word predictor, built-in painting tools, and Clicker Sets which are half screen grids or full screen page activities.

Quick Start

The *Quick Start* screen allows children to start working independently straight away, either by selecting *Start writing* or *Make a book*.

From the Quick Start it's also easy to instantly open any Clicker Sets that have been saved to your list of *favourites*.

For teachers the Quick Start screen contains the *Make a Clicker Set* link, for quick access to the *Quick Grid Wizards* and *Quick Page Wizards*.

Writing into a document

Writing into a Clicker 6 document gives children complete control. As they punctuate their sentences the brand new, realistic speech engine reads back their writing, helping pupils to review their work instantly and make corrections as they write. Words are also highlighted as they are spoken, allowing pupils to follow the text easily.
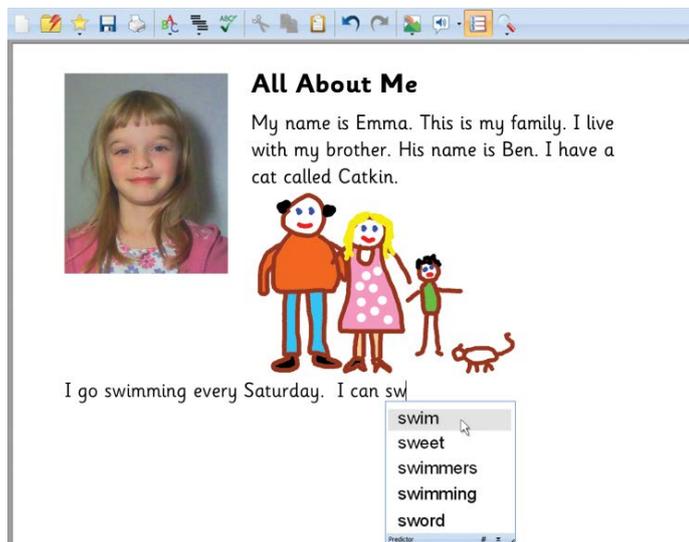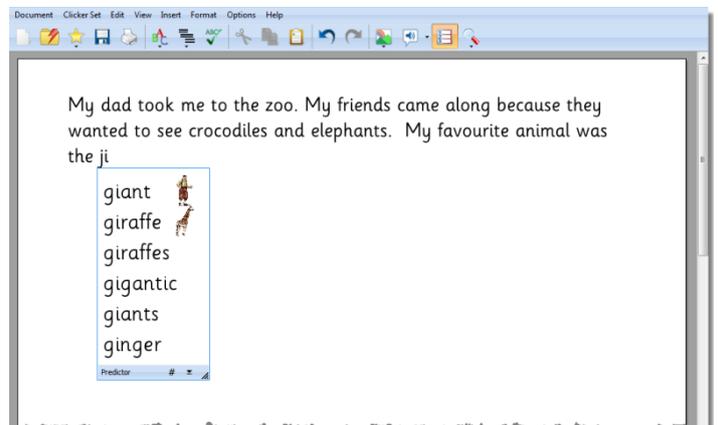
Word prediction

The integrated word predictor suggests words for pupils to use, assisting them in creating flowing pieces of text. The option of showing pictures or symbols in the predictor supports them to choose the correct word independently.

Our SoundsLike word prediction offers words that sound like the word being typed, perfect for struggling spellers.
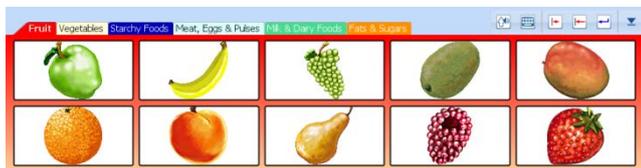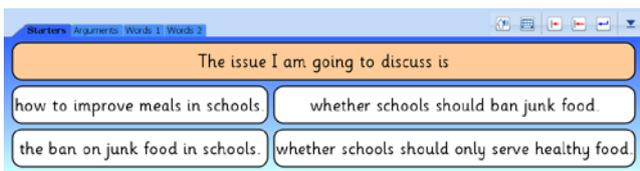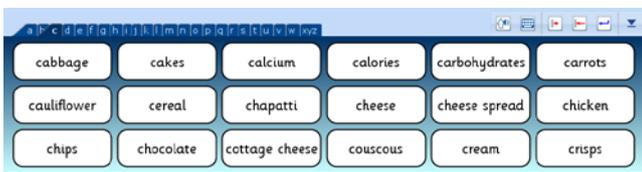
Pictures

Clicker's integrated painting tools enable children to design their own pictures to complement their writing, a great opportunity for pupils to creatively express their thoughts and ideas.

Pupils can also add their own photographs with Clicker's built-in webcam support.

In addition, pictures in the predictor, spellchecker and grids help children to find the words they want to write.
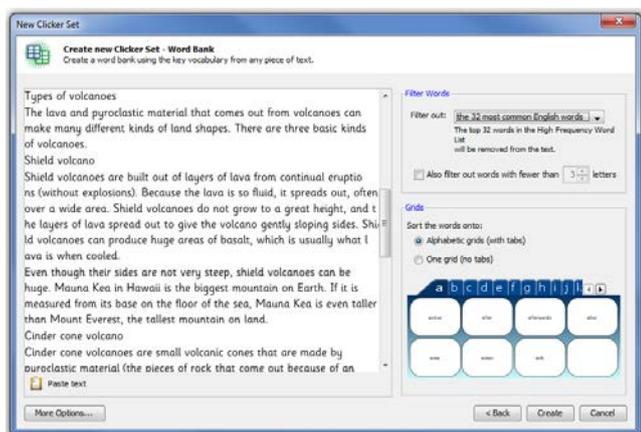
Clicker Pages

Clicker Pages are full screen activities that provide a wide range of opportunities for learning.

Matching activities consisting of pictures, words and sounds are a great way to develop basic problem solving and language acquisition skills, particularly useful for supporting emergent readers and those pupils learning English as an additional language.

Story telling activities offer great opportunities for developing speaking and listening skills, allowing children to record the stages of a process in small parts, either individually or collaboratively.

Click & Edit books allow pupils to make their own books and presentations by providing them with independent access to all of the tools they need, including pop-up writing grids, the word predictor and the sound recorder. Once a book is completed, pupils simply click the Play button to share their work with others.
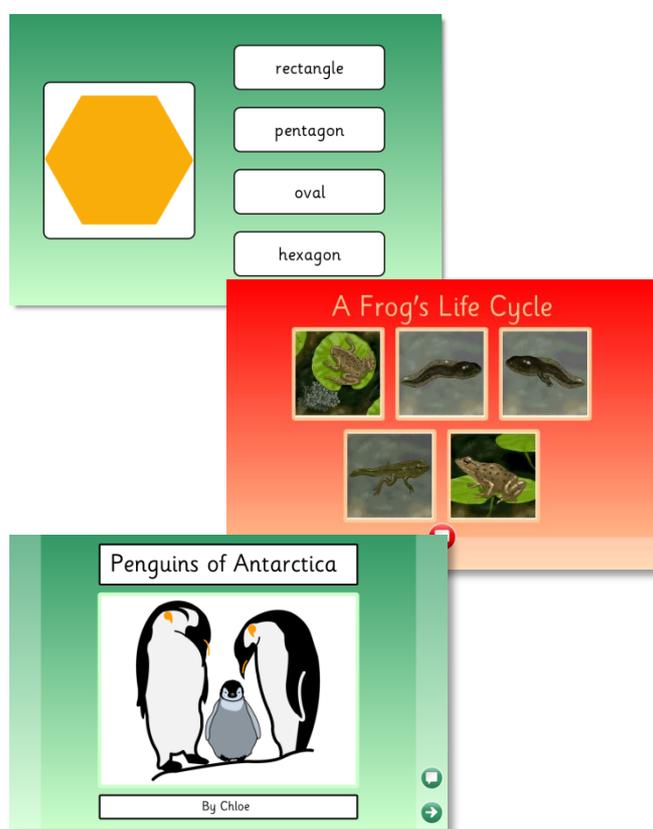

Clicker Grids

Clicker Grids sit below the document and provide writing support with words, phrases and pictures. Pupils independently listen to the words in grids with a right click of the mouse, and then left click to send the word, phrase or picture to the word processor.

Writing frames provide writing support by offering a combination of sentence starters, phrases and key words, perfect for scaffolding writing. Colour coding and picture support can provide additional help.

Word banks provide instant access to any number of words, encouraging pupils to use difficult or more adventurous vocabulary in their writing.
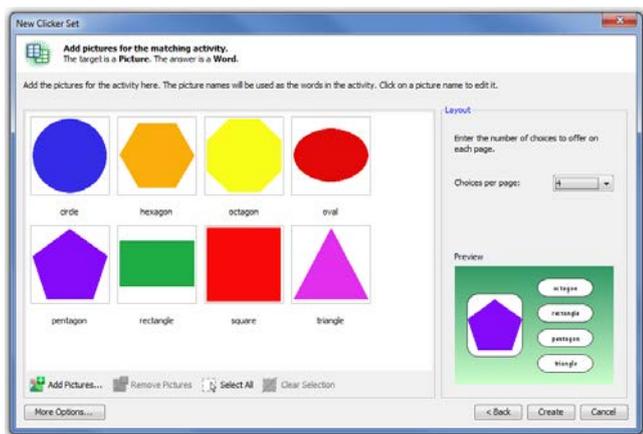

Quick Wizards

The Clicker 6 Quick Wizards make it easier than ever before to create personalized Clicker Sets to support children's learning.

Make a range of differentiated sentence building sets, word banks and picture banks in seconds with the Quick Grid Wizards.

Simply add your text or pictures to the wizard, set your options and click create!

The Quick Page Wizards allow for the easy creation of a wide range of page-based activities. Create matching sets made up of words, pictures and sounds. Make speaking and listening activities for children to discuss a story or topic, and provide writing books with word and picture pop-ups.

Just add your text or images to the wizard, set your options and click create!

LearningGrids

From Clicker Explorer you're just one click away from our LearningGrids website, containing hundreds of ready-made Clicker Sets, free to download and use instantly. The resources cover a wide range of curriculum topics, and more are added every 2 weeks by our Curriculum team.

Each Clicker Set that is downloaded is also easy to edit, allowing you to tailor activities to your pupils' individual requirements.

User Preferences

Clicker's user preferences make it simple to personalize the settings of each aspect of the program. They include controlling when the speech engine reads the text, if pictures or symbols are shown in the document, spellchecker or predictor, the size of the toolbars and the number of words shown in the predictor.

User preferences are easily exported for pupils to access from the Quick Start screen.

Accessibility

Clicker offers unique benefits for pupils with a wide range of special needs. All Clicker Sets can be operated with one or two switches, supporting those who cannot use a keyboard to write.

Clicker 6 also allows selection by Mouse Dwell, vastly improving access for those using joysticks, trackballs or eye-control devices.