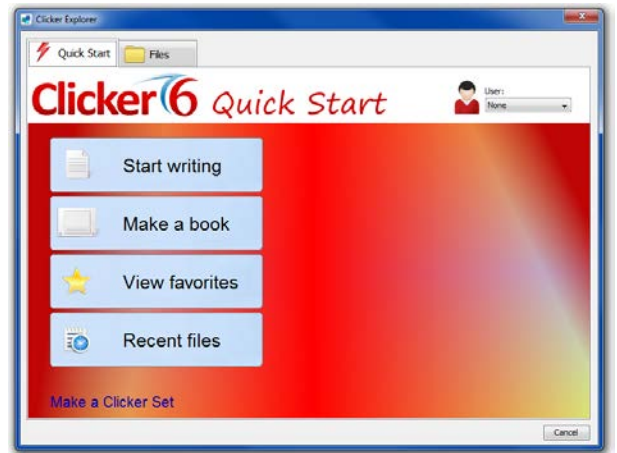# Clicker 6

Guide

What is Clicker?

Clicker is the literacy tool that supports elementary students of all ages and abilities in a creative and engaging way. It consists of a 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 students to start working independently right away, either by selecting Start writing or Make a book.
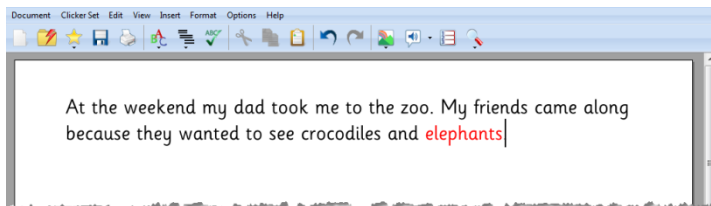
From the Quick Start it's also easy to instantly open any Clicker Sets that have been saved to your list of favorites.

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.
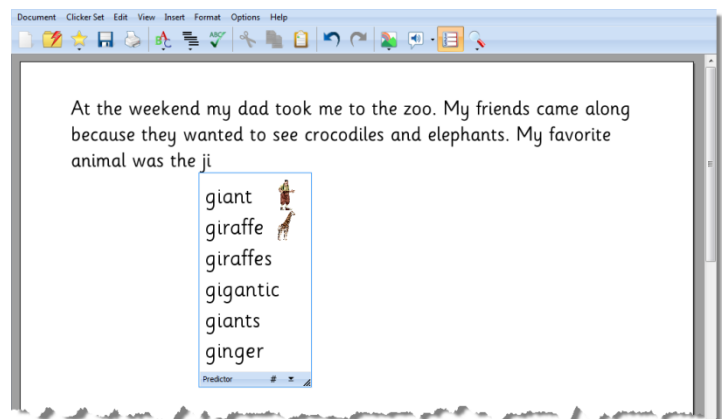
Writing into a document

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

Word prediction

The integrated word predictor suggests words for students 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.
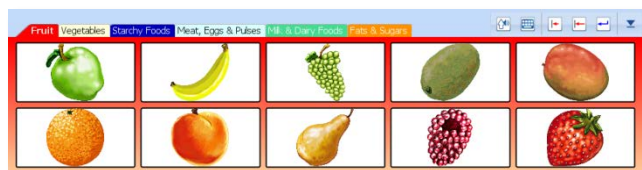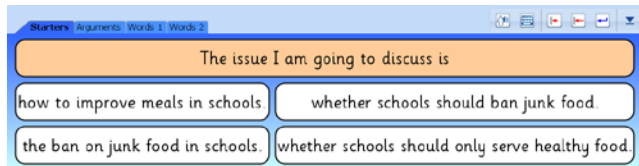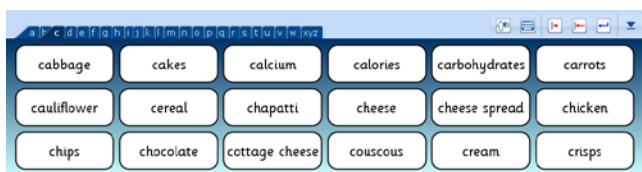
Pictures

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

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

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

Clicker Grids

Clicker Grids sit below the document and provide writing support with words, phrases, and pictures. Students 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. Color coding and picture support can provide additional help.

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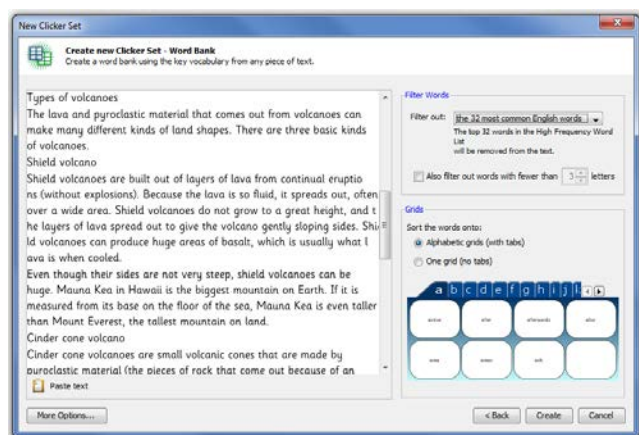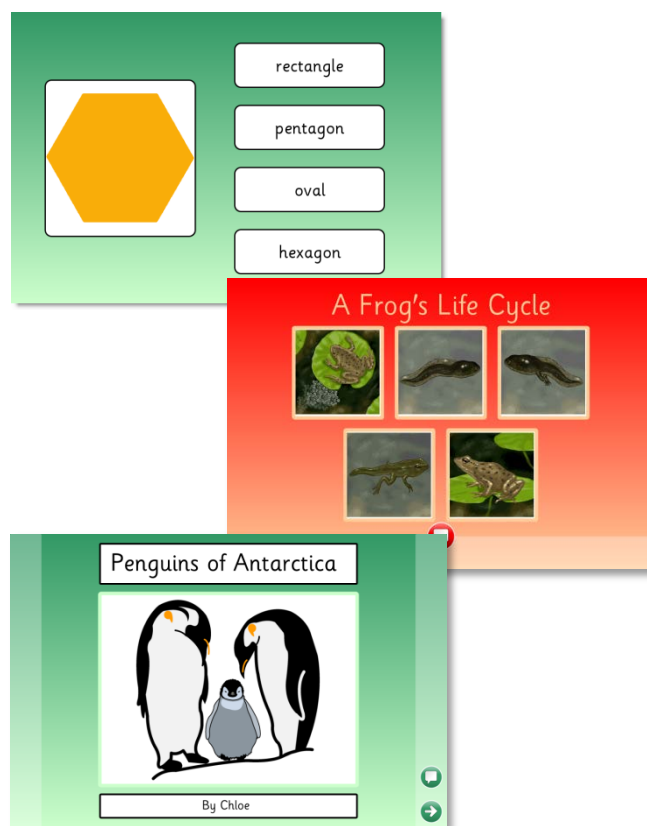

Clicker Pages

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 students learning English as an additional language.

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

Click & Edit books allow students 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, students simply click the Play button to share their work with others.
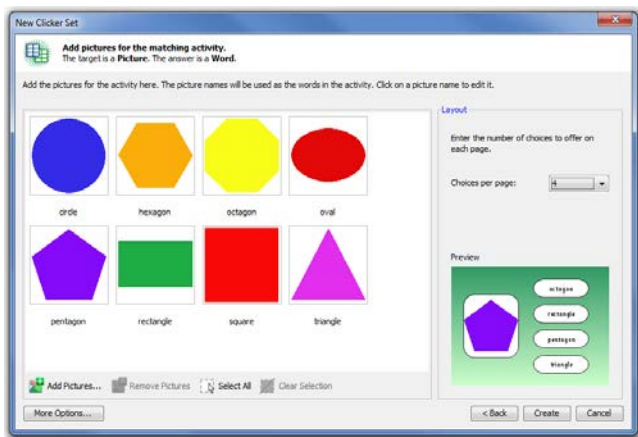

Quick Wizards

The Clicker 6 Quick Wizards make it easier than ever before to create personalized Clicker Sets to support students' 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!
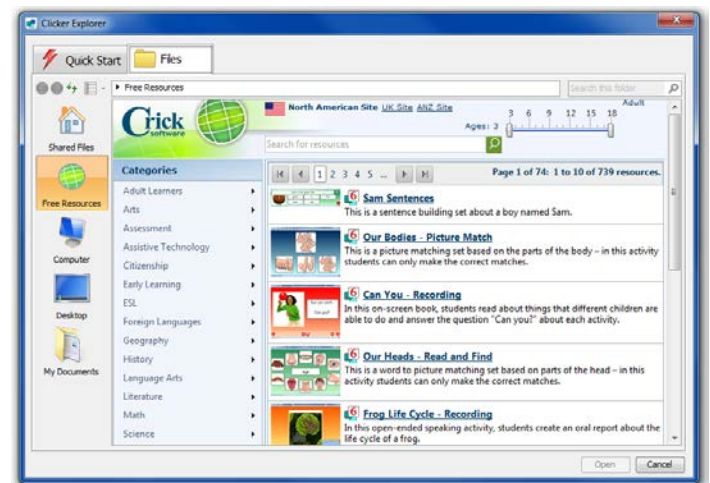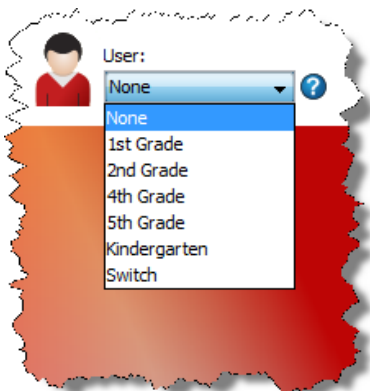
The Quick Page Wizards allow for the easy creation of a wide range of page-based activities. Create matching sets made up of words, pictures, and sounds. Make speaking and listening activities for students to discuss a story or topic, and provide writing books with word and picture pop-ups.

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 students' 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 students to access from the Quick Start screen.

Accessibility

Clicker offers unique benefits for students 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.