

Support for children with autism

Clicker is a powerful tool for supporting many students across the autistic spectrum.

"Clicker has offered my son a whole new world. As well as obvious literacy and numeracy skills, he has developed an obvious desire to communicate and express himself through Clicker. Clicker has become his voice."

Karenza Cassidy, mother of Eddie (aged 13)



Communication difficulties

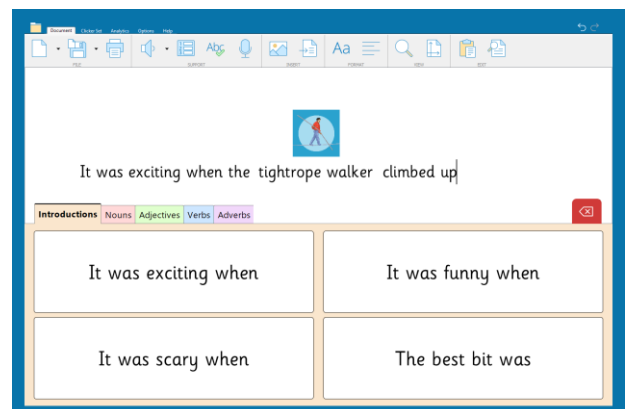
Use Clicker with pictures or symbols to support students who have communication difficulties. Add your own pictures to Clicker Sets so children are able to use completely personalized grids to communicate, and with the speech feedback reading all completed sentences aloud, Clicker becomes a powerful communication tool.

Handwriting replacement

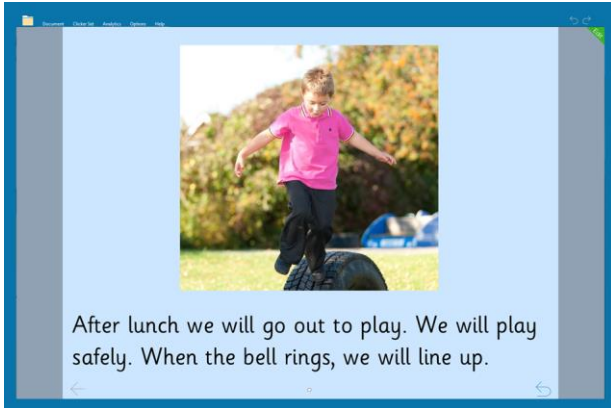
Some autistic learners struggle with motor control in their hands and find their handwriting suffers, making it difficult and frustrating to create a neat piece of work. With Clicker's primary word processor this obstacle is removed. Clicker offers the flexibility for students to try things out and correct mistakes before presenting a finished piece of work. Writing productivity is increased and completed pieces of writing are easily printed and displayed with pride.

Engagement and personalization

Using technology is often a great motivator for students. With the opportunity to use your own media libraries in Clicker, the children's favorite images, sounds, and videos can be easily used as part of their Clicker Sets and in their writing.



Every element of Clicker can be tailored to suit all ages and abilities. It's simple to tweak features such as the size of the icons and the colors used in Clicker Sets. The content and amount of support is easily personalized, too; choose whether to offer sentence starters to prompt those who need help getting going, or a Word Bank of key vocabulary to use. And for those students who need support to stay on track, why not record the task instructions onto a cell so they can independently listen to it at any time?



Visual learning

Many autistic learners are thought to be visual learners, therefore presenting information on screen can help to support them. Clicker can be used to help students understand their day with a visual timetable or learning log. Or, provide information about expectations in the form of an on-screen book.

Autistic learners often find mind mapping to be a really useful way to plan their work – they can use the

Clicker Board tool to manipulate and link any combination of words, pictures, and sounds. This helps children to make sense of their ideas and understand the links between them more clearly.

To find out more about using *Clicker* to support autistic learners, get in touch and speak to our team. Call 203-221-2697 or email USinfo@cricksoft.com.