Create your own Clicker Sets

Use this guide to learn how to create and edit Clicker Sets, the resources available in Clicker.

Learn how to edit a pre-made Clicker Set, putting your learners' needs at the forefront and how to create your own Clicker Sets to suit individual learners or topics.

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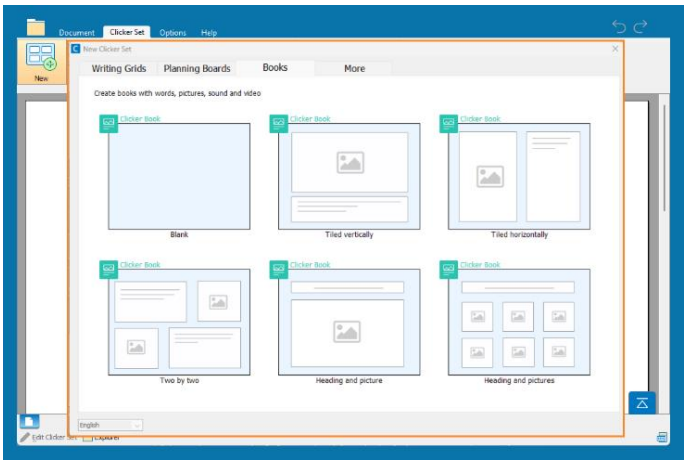
Read and Build Vocabulary:

Clicker offers so much more than writing activities! You can make curriculum content accessible for every child with a talking Clicker Book, support emergent readers and ESL students with a Matching Set, or if you want to do something out of the ordinary, build your own Custom Set with a mixture of grids and pages.

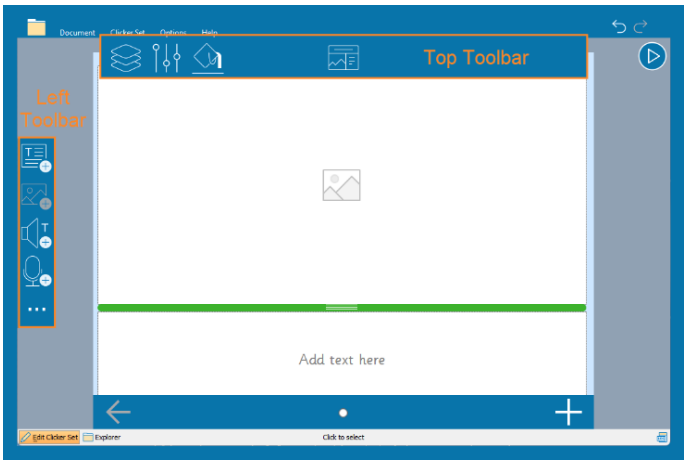
Create and edit a Clicker Book



Create a Clicker Book

Clicker Books provide you with an easy way to create speech supported on-screen books for your learners and can be used in any curriculum area. Learners of all ages and abilities can create their very own talking books:

1. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click **New**.
2. Open the Books tab, then choose a template for your first page.
3. Add Page Objects from the left toolbar to build your Clicker Book:
    - Click to add a Text Box. Double-click a Text Box to add text.
    - Click to add a Picture Box. Select a Picture Box then choose from the options in the top toolbar to add an image, paint a picture or take a photo.
    - Click to add a Read button.
    - Click to add a Record & Play button.
    - Click to add your own page arrows and return button.
    - Click to add custom links between pages



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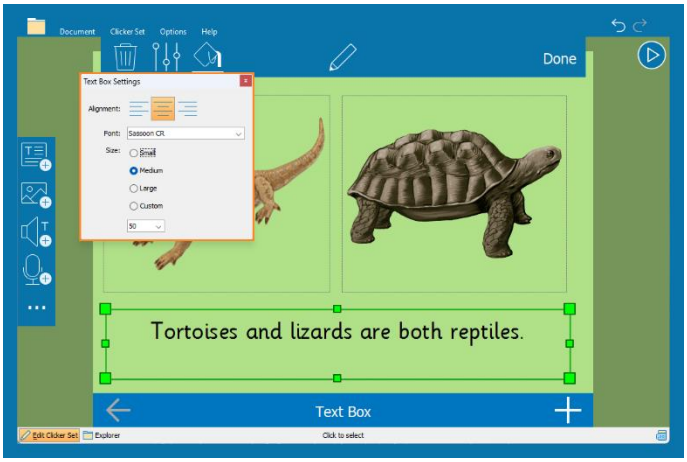
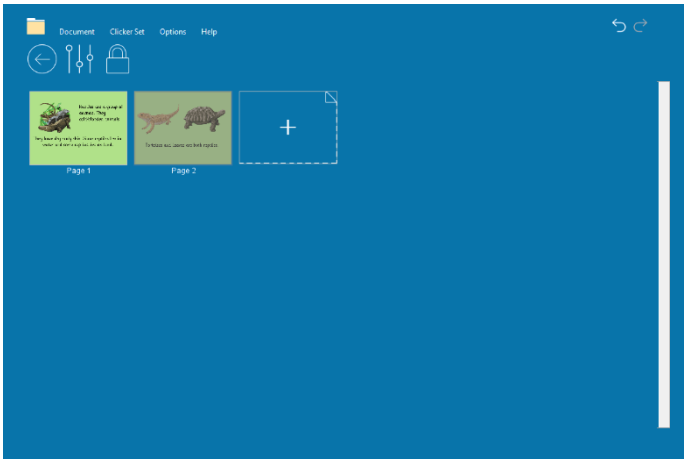
4. Click to use the Clicker Book.
5. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click to save your activity.

Edit a Clicker Book

Edit a Clicker Book to tailor the subject matter and comprehension level to your students' learning needs and objectives:





- To start editing a Clicker Book, click
- Resize a Page Object by dragging the green handles. Click and drag to reposition the box.
- Select a Page Object and click to edit its properties.
- Select a Page Object and click to change its color.
    - If no Page Object is selected, clicking changes the background color.
- Click to delete a Page Object.
- Click to add a new page.
- Select to open the Page Sorter.
    - Drag pages to rearrange your book and right-click to add, duplicate or delete pages.
    - Double-click a page to open it for further editing.

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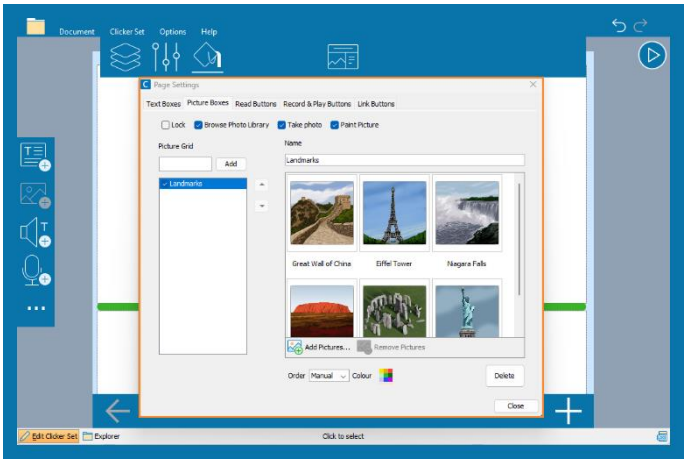
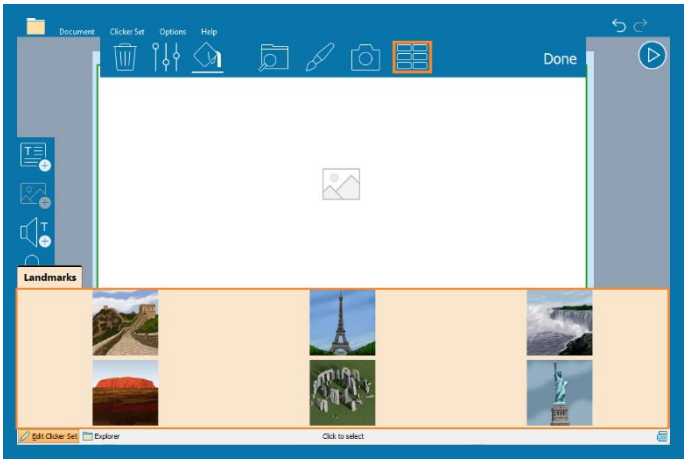
Create a Make-a-Book activity

With a Make-a-Book activity, there are additional support features that you can use to help children of all ages and abilities create their own Clicker Books.





Add a Picture Bank to a Clicker Book

Add pictures for children to choose from when creating a Clicker Book:

- Click with nothing on the page selected:
  - Go to the **Picture Boxes** tab to add a Picture Bank.
  - Give your Picture Bank a name, then click **Add**.
  - Click **Add Pictures** to choose images for your Picture Bank from images saved on your computer or the CrickPix2 library.
  - Repeat to add multiple Picture Banks.

- Check the boxes at the top of the window to manage how children can add images to the Clicker Book.

- Click the arrows to change the order of multiple Picture Banks.

Use a Picture Bank:

- Select a Picture box:
  - Click in the top toolbar.
  - Click an image to add it to the Picture box.

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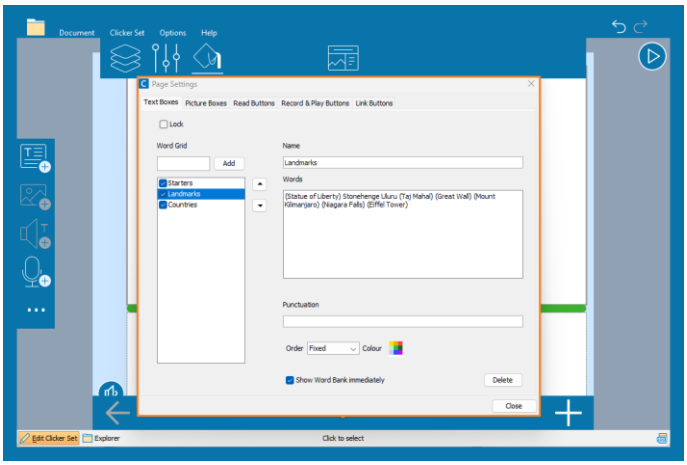
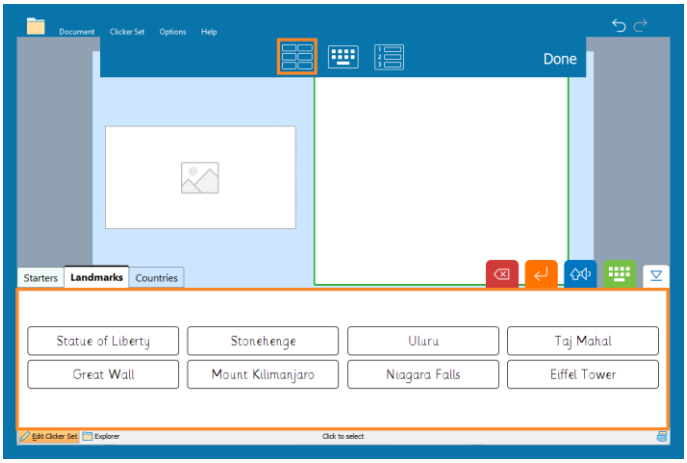
Add a Word Bank to a Clicker Book



Add words and phrases for children to use when writing in their Clicker Book:

- Click with nothing on the page selected:
  - Go to the **Text Boxes** tab to add a Word Bank.
  - Give your Word Bank a name, then click **Add**.
  - Type or paste text into the **Words** text box to make up your Word Bank.
  - Repeat to add multiple Word Banks.



- Check the **Show Word Bank immediately** checkbox for the Word Bank to appear when you double-click a text box.
- Click the arrows to change the order of multiple Word Banks.

Use a Word Bank:

- Select a Text box:
  - Click in the top toolbar if the Word Bank isn't set to open immediately.
  - Click a word or phrase to add it to the text box.
  - Right-click a word in the Word Bank to hear it.

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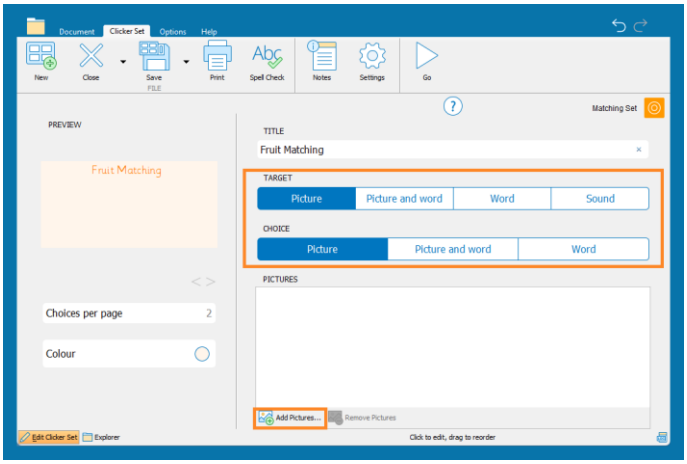
Create and edit a Matching Set

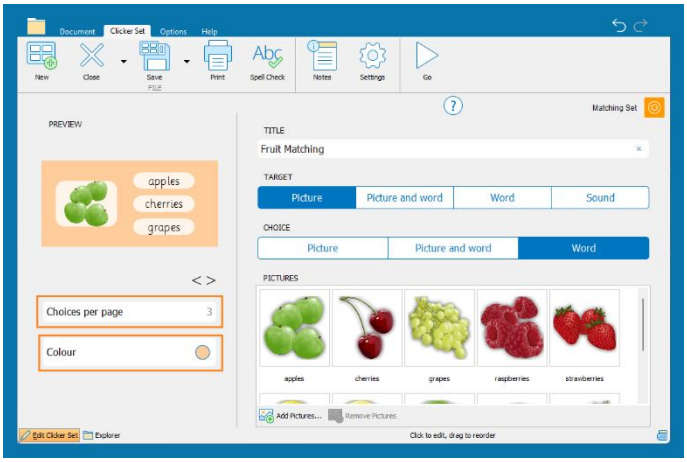
Support emergent readers with a Matching Set.



Create a Matching Set

Create a matching activity to develop pre-reading and language acquisition skills or to reinforce subject knowledge:

1. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click **New**.
2. Open the **More** tab, then choose Matching Set.
3. Give your activity a title.
4. Change how your **Target** and **Choices** will be displayed on each page.
5. Click **Add Pictures...** to search for pictures to add to your activity.
6. Click **Go** to use the Matching Set.
7. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click to save your activity.



Edit a Matching Set

Edit a Matching Set to further develop reading; incorporating pictures, words, and sounds to progress students' reading and listening skills at a manageable pace:

1. Click **Edit Clicker Set** in the bottom-left of the screen to enter Edit View.
2. Change the number of **Choices per page** of the activity.
3. Choose from the color palette to change the color of the pages.
4. Right-click a picture to change its name or sound.

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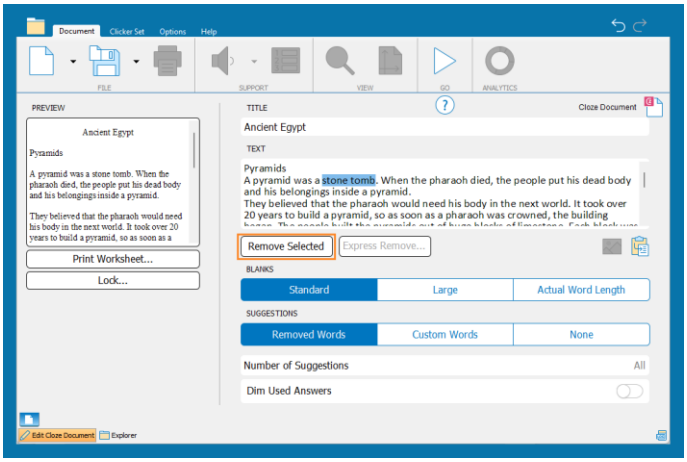
Create and edit a Cloze Document



Create a Cloze Document

Cloze activities are a great way to assess students' topic knowledge, as well as their ability to use semantic and contextual clues. Create your own cloze activities in a matter of seconds!

1. In the Document ribbon, click the arrow next to the New Document icon, then choose **New Cloze Document**.
2. Give your activity a title.
3. Type or paste text into the text box as a base for your cloze activity.
4. Remove words:
    - Highlight a word or phrase of up to three words and click **Remove Selected**.

      OR

    - Use **Express Remove** to remove words at a regular frequency, or words that share a letter pattern.
5. Click **Go** to use the cloze activity.
6. In the Document ribbon, click to save your activity.

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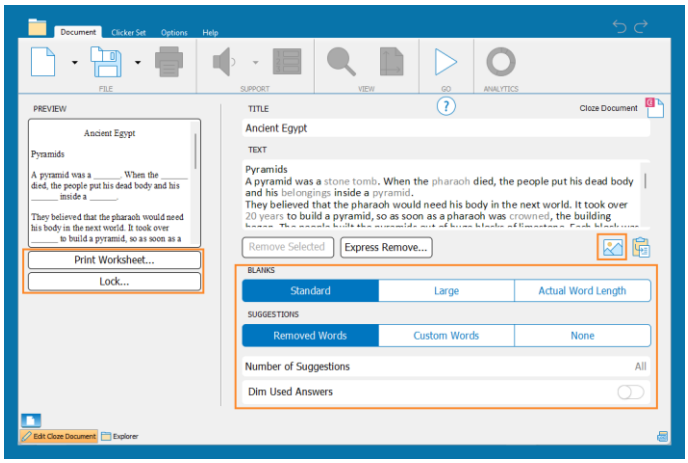
Edit a Cloze Document

Edit a Cloze Document to provide different levels of support for pupils completing the activity:



- Click **Edit Cloze Document** in the bottom-left of the screen to enter Edit View.
- Click to add a picture. You can browse through images saved on your computer, the CrickPix2 library, or use the camera on your device.
- Change the **Blanks** options to change the size of the blanks that are displayed.
- Change the **Suggestions** options to limit the number of words offered at a time, to offer custom suggestions, or to turn Suggestions off.
- Click **Lock...** to add a password to your Cloze Document.
- Click **Print Worksheet...** to print the Cloze Document with Suggestions displayed beneath it.

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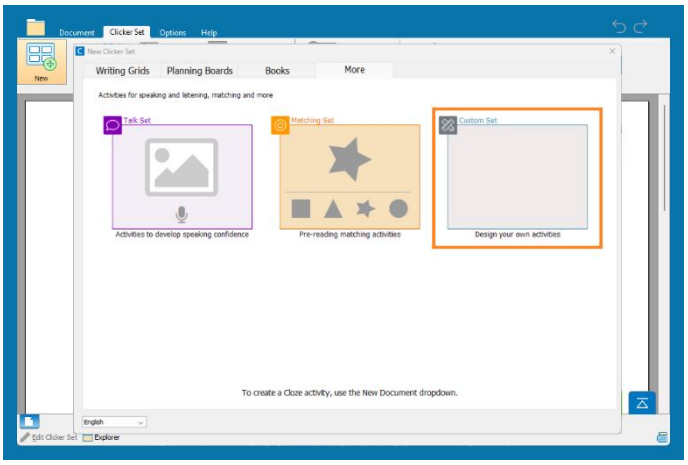
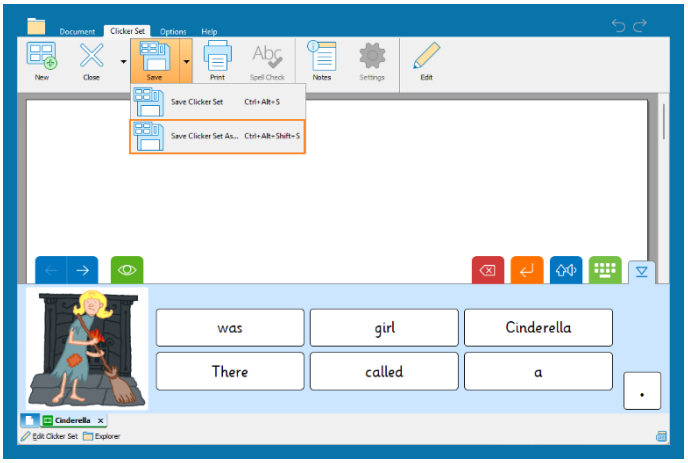
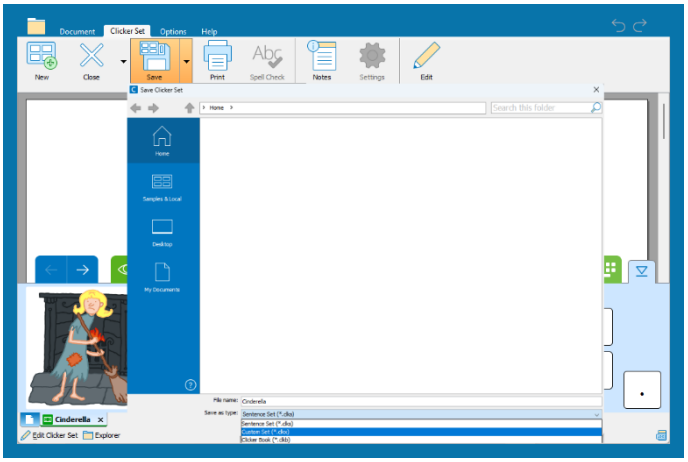
Create and edit a Custom Set

Want to do something out of the ordinary? Build a Custom Set from scratch, or from any other Clicker Set. Custom Sets give you free rein - mix grids and pages, design your own layouts and create accessible multimedia activities using pictures, text, and sounds.







Create a Custom Set

You can design your own activities using Custom Sets:

1. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click **New**.
2. Open the **More** tab, then choose Custom Set.
    - Pick the layout of your Custom Set and select **create**.

      OR

    - With a Clicker Set open, click on the arrow next to the Save icon and choose **Save Clicker Set As**.
    - Select Custom Set from the **Save as type** drop-down box.
3. Double-click a cell to add or edit text.
4. Click Go to use the Custom Set.
5. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click to save your activity.

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Sidebar

Use the Sidebar to add objects, cells, and pictures to your grids and reorder your activity:

- In the Outline tab:
    - Click + beneath a grid in the sidebar to duplicate it or create a new grid for your activity.
- In the Pictures tab:
    - Click and drag an image from the CrickPix2 library or the files on your computer onto your grid from the sidebar.
- In the Objects tab:
    - Drag an object or cell from the sidebar onto your grid to add it to the activity.

Editing a Toolbar

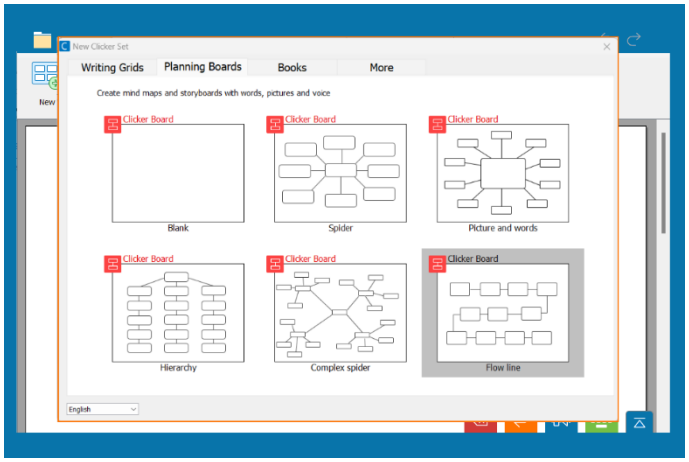
Use the Editing Toolbar to change the appearance of your grids and cells and change how they behave:

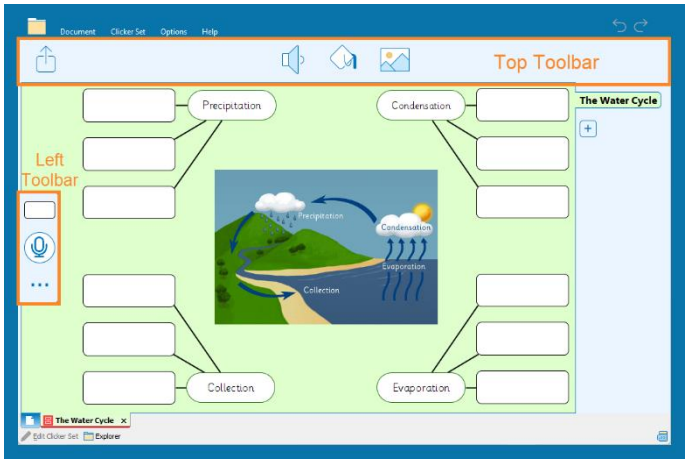
- In the Appearance tab you can:
    - Change the font size and style of text in a selected cell.
    - Change the background color of a selected cell.
    - Add a border to a selected cell and change its thickness.
    - Change the background color of the grid.
- In the Sound & Video tab you can:
    - Click **Choose** with a cell selected to change what happens when the cell is left or right-clicked.
    - Click **Choose** with no cell selected to change what happens when a grid is opened or closed.

Talk and Plan:

Organizing ideas is a vital first step in the writing process, and one that many learners struggle with. Clicker includes a child-friendly mind mapping area to help learners prepare for writing and Talk Sets to develop speaking and listening skills.

Introduction to Clicker Board





Create a Clicker Board

Clicker Boards are an easy-to-use mind mapping tool. Use a Clicker Board to encourage learners to plan and develop their ideas before writing:

1. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click **New**.
2. Open the **Planning Boards** tab, then choose a template.
3. Add cells to your Board. There are different ways to add a cell to your Board:
    - Drag from in the **left toolbar** onto the Board.
    - Double-click the background of the Board where you want a cell to appear.
    - Drag from the circular handles to create a new cell linked to the first.
4. Drag on to the Board to add a Voice Note. Double-click the Voice Note to make a recording.
5. Double-click a cell to add text.
6. Link two cells by dragging from the circular handle on one to the other cell.
7. Select to add a new page to the Board:
    - Move between the tabs to create or access more content.
    - Double-click a tab to rename it.

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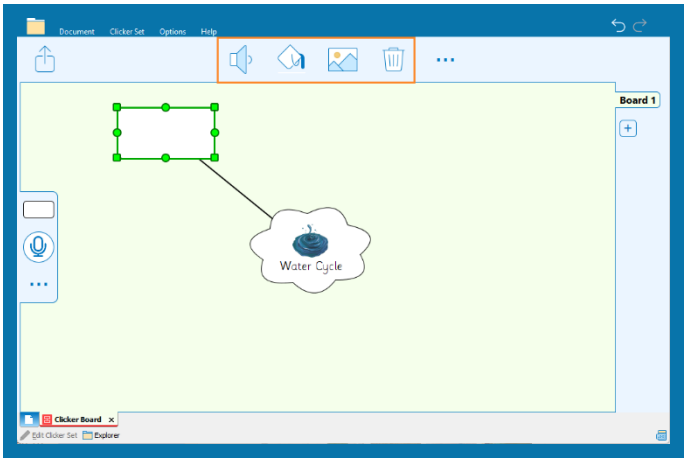
8. Click to send your mind map to the Document to support writing in different ways:
    - Choose to send your mind map to the document as a diagram or text.
    - Choose to send your Voice Notes to the Document.
    - Choose to create a Word Bank.
9. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click to save your activity.



Edit a Clicker Board

Edit a Clicker Board to organize ideas more clearly:

- Drag the square handles to re-size a cell.
- In the left toolbar:
    - Click with a cell selected to change the shape of the cell.
- In the upper toolbar:
    - Click with a cell selected to add a picture to the cell.
    - Choose from images in the CrickPix2 library, images saved on your device or take a photo with the camera on your device.
    - Click with a cell selected to change the color of the cell.
- Hold Ctrl and click multiple cells to change their appearance or to move them at the same time.

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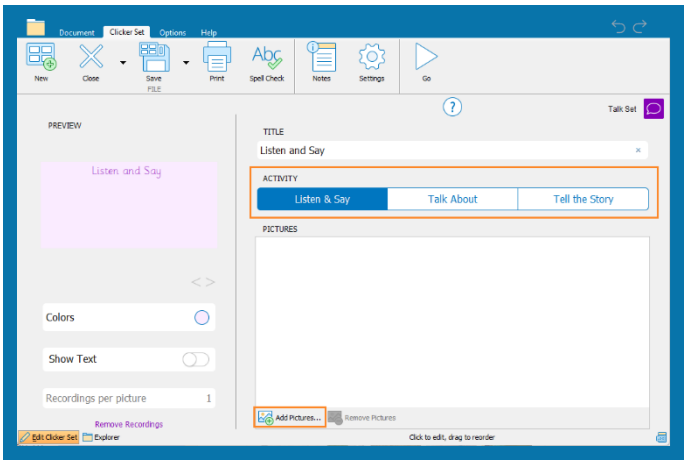
Create and edit a Talk Set

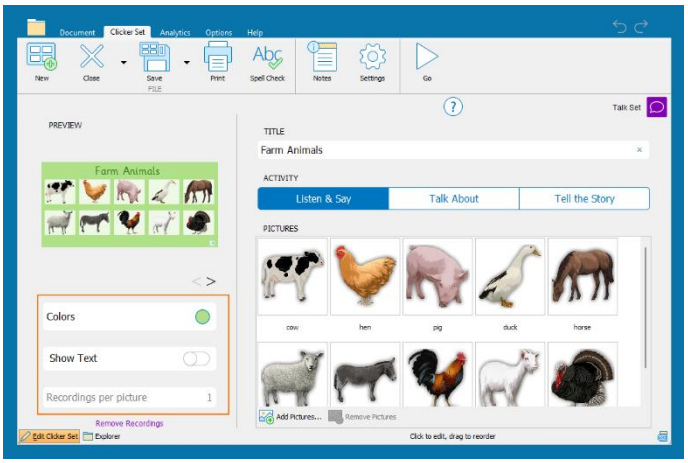
Create Talk Sets to develop speaking and listening skills. Just add pictures to create Listen and Say, Talk About or Tell the Story activities.



Create a Talk Set

Create an activity to support children who struggle to express themselves in written form:

1. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click **New**.
2. Choose Talk Set from the **More** tab.
3. Give your activity a title.
4. Select the appropriate **Activity** option; Listen and Say, Talk About or Tell the Story to choose which type of activity to create.
5. Click **Add Pictures...** to search for pictures to add to your activity.
6. Click **Go** to use the Talk Set.
7. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click to save your activity.



Edit a Talk Set

Edit a Talk Set to provide support or challenge for learners:

1. Click **Edit Clicker Set** in the bottom-left of the screen to enter Edit View.
2. Toggle the **Show Text** option to add the name of the picture to the Set. Now learners can make a link to the written word.
3. Choose from the **Recordings per picture** options to change the number of recordings you can make for each picture.
4. Choose from the color palette to change the color of the pages.

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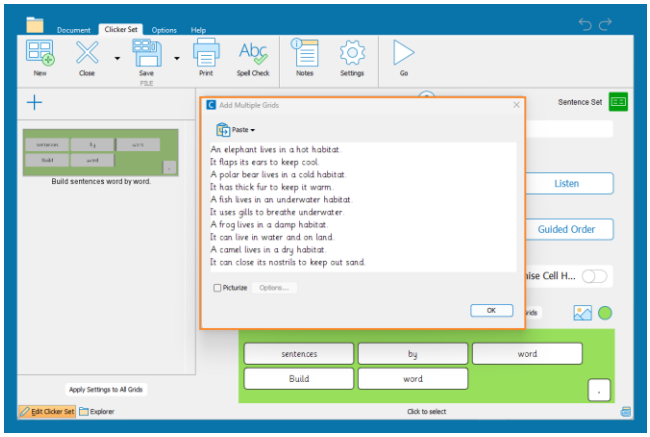
Write:

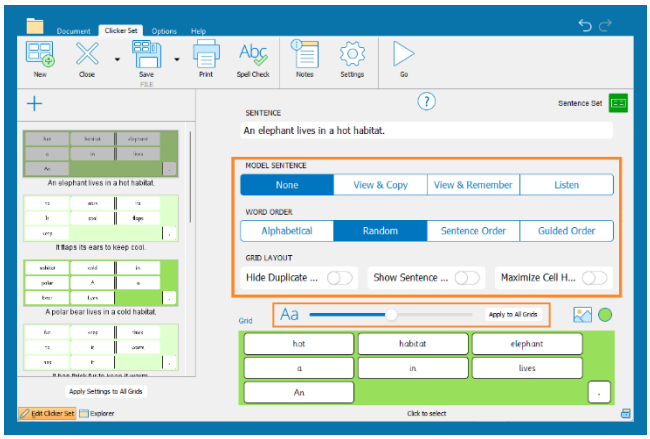
Create and edit a Sentence Set



Create a Sentence Set

Sentence Sets are a great way to help all learners get started with writing. Create grids to support learners when writing simple sentences:

1. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click **New**.
2. Choose Sentence Set from the **Writing Grids** tab.
3. Type or paste sentences into the text box to make up your Sentence Set. Make sure to include any punctuation needed, then click **OK**.
    - Add brackets around words to group them in a cell.
4. Move between grids in the sidebar to the left.
5. Click Go to use the Sentence Set.
6. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click to save your activity.



Edit a Sentence Set

Edit a Sentence Set to provide different levels of support for learners when completing their writing:

- Click **Edit Clicker Set** in the bottom-left of the screen to enter Edit View.
- Change the **Model Sentence** to provide different levels of writing support.
- Change the **Word Order** to change the order cells appear in the grid.
- Toggle **Show Sentence Picture** to add an image to the start of the sentence.
- Select a cell to change its appearance or add a picture.
- Use the slider to change the size of the font.

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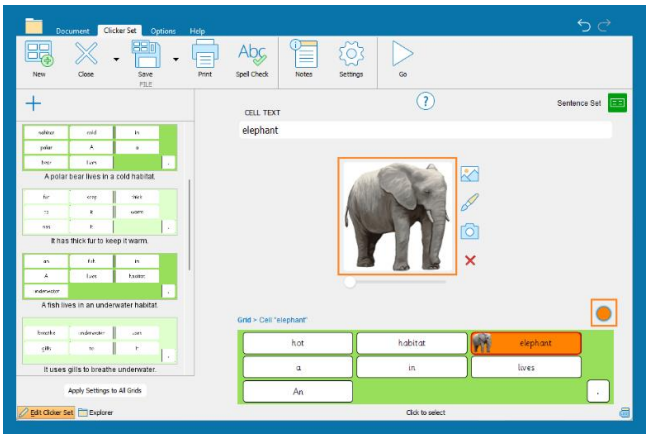

- Open the color palette to change the color of a selected grid or cell.
- Click **Apply Settings to All Grids** to apply any changes you've made to all the sentences in the set.
- Click **Go** to use the Sentence Set.

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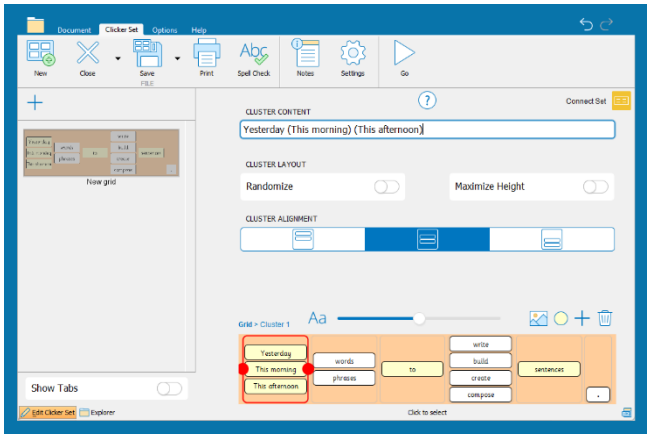
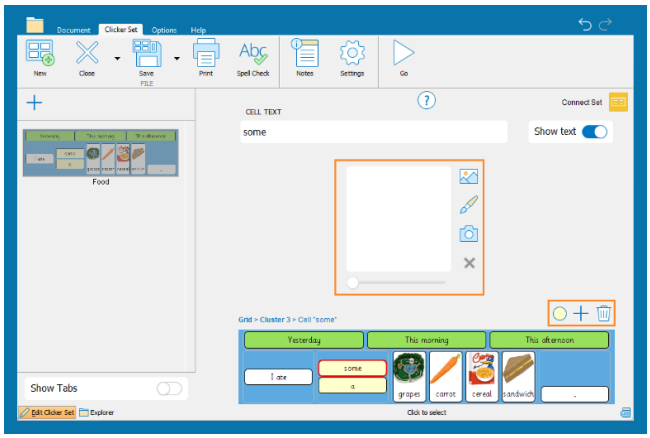
Create and edit a Connect Set

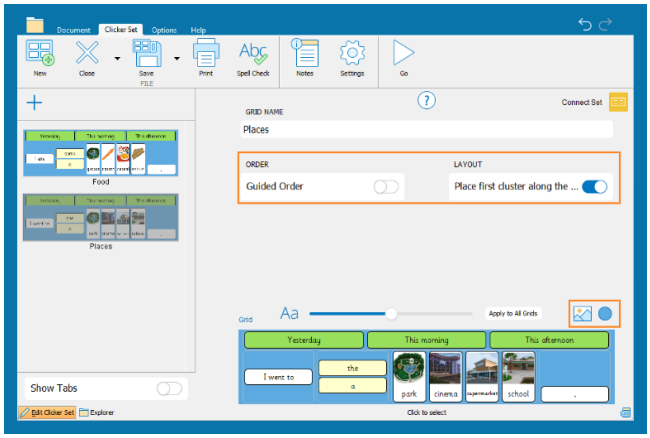


Create a Connect Set

Create grids to scaffold writing tasks for developing and struggling writers:

1. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click **New**.
2. Choose Connect Set from the **Writing Grids** tab.
3. Select a cluster and then type in the **Cluster Content** box to add text to your grid.
    - Add brackets around words to group them in a cell.
4. Click **Go** to use the Connect Set.
5. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click to save your activity.





Edit a Connect Set

Edit a Connect Set to provide more support for children when completing their writing:

- Click **Edit Clicker Set** in the bottom-left of the screen to enter Edit View.
- Select a cell or a cluster to change its appearance.
- Click to add a new cell or cluster.
- Click to delete a cell or cluster.
- Click and drag the red handles to resize a cluster.
- Choose from the colour palette to change the color of a grid.
- Use the slider to change the size of the font.
- With no cluster selected, toggle **Place first cluster along the top** on to move the first cluster of cells to the top of the grid.
- Click to add a new grid to your Set.

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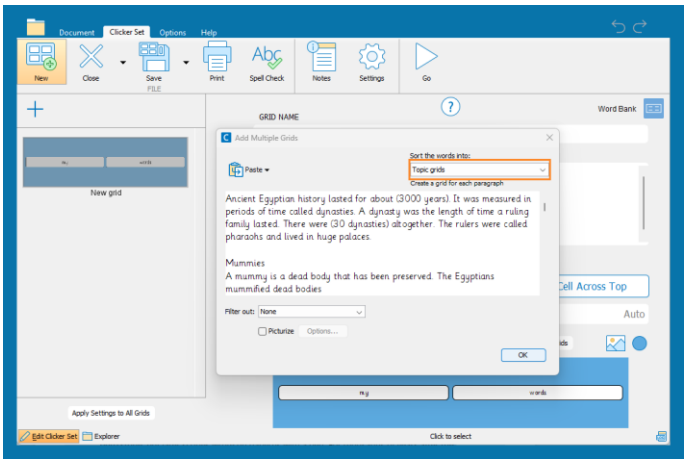
Create and edit a Word Bank



Create a Word Bank

Create grids to support learners who are ready to form sentences independently but need support using more difficult vocabulary:

1. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click **New**.
2. Choose Word Bank from the **Writing Grids** tab.
3. Choose whether to sort the words into Topic grids or Alphabetic grids using the drop-down box.
4. Type or paste text into the text box to make up your Word Bank.
5. Add brackets around words to group them in a cell.
6. Choose how many common words you want to filter out with the drop-down box if you have written in full sentences.
7. Click **OK** to create your Word Bank.
8. Move between grids in the sidebar to the left.
9. Click **Go** to use the Word Bank.
10. In the Clicker Set ribbon, click to save your activity.

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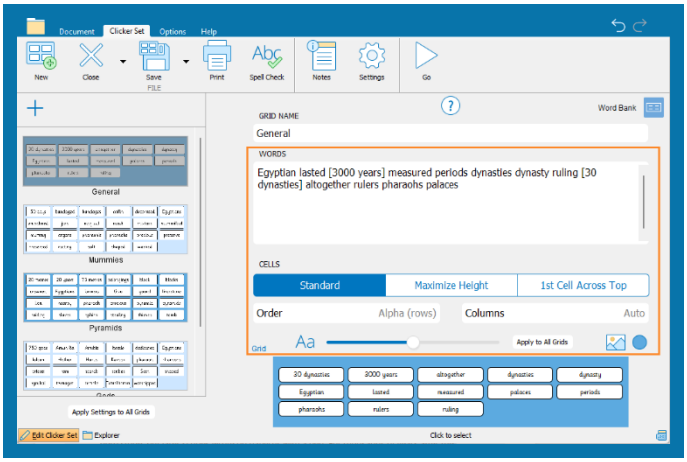
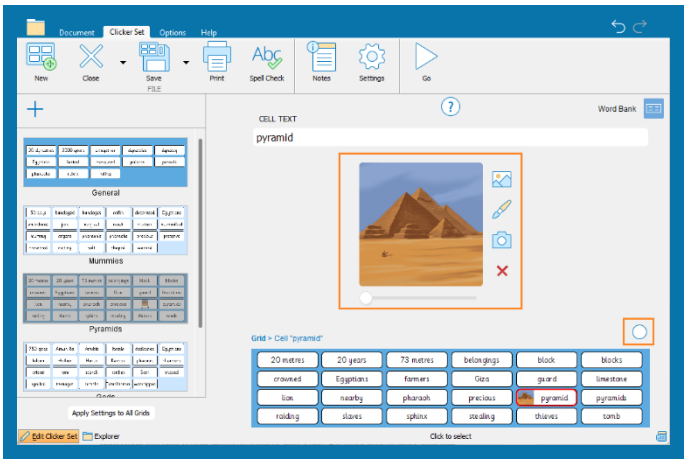
Edit a Word Bank



Edit a Word Bank to provide different levels of support for children when completing their writing:

- Click **Edit Clicker Set** in the bottom-left of the screen to enter Edit View.
- Add or delete vocabulary offered in a grid by typing in the **Words** text box.
- Click the **Order** drop-down box to change the order cells appear in the grid.
- Click the **Columns** drop-down box to change the number of columns in a grid.
- Click + in the sidebar to create a new grid.
- Click to Picturize a grid.
- Click and drag grids in the sidebar to reorder them.



- Select a cell to change its appearance or add a picture.
- Open the color palette to change the color of a selected grid or cell.

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