

Get started with Clicker Apps guide

Use this guide to learn about the key features of the Clicker Apps and how to start using the Clicker Apps effectively.

Learn the basics of using a Clicker Document with a Writing Grid in the Clicker Writer App.

Move through the guide to learn about the different Clicker Sets available across the three apps and how they can be used to suit a range of abilities and ages.

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Opening Clicker

To start using the Clicker Apps:

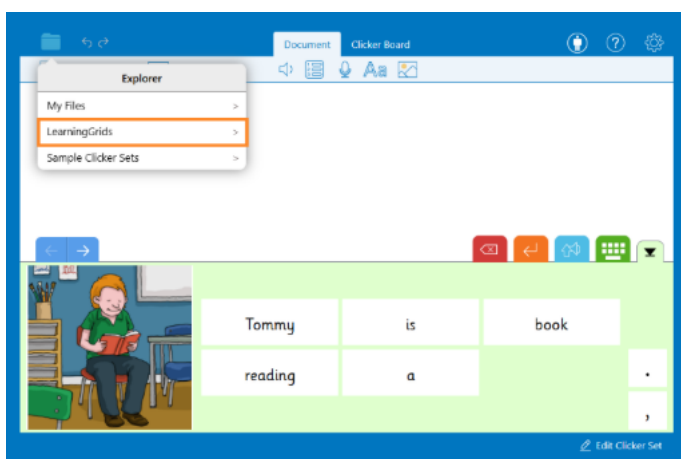
Select  to open Clicker Writer

Select  to open Clicker Books

Select  to open Clicker Talk

LearningGrids

When you use Clicker, you have access to thousands of free ready-to-use Clicker resources which are available in LearningGrids.



In **Clicker Writer**, select  in the top-left of the screen and then choose **LearningGrids**.



In **Clicker Books** and **Clicker Talk**, if hidden, select the white bar to bring down the Tool Bar and then select  in the top-left of the screen. Choose **LearningGrids**.

Follow these steps to practise navigating LearningGrids.



You can use the search bar to search using topic names or key vocabulary. Search for a topic then click **Go**.



Check the **check boxes** on the left to filter through the different types of resources across the three apps.



Use the **subject categories** to search for resources suitable for different curriculum areas.



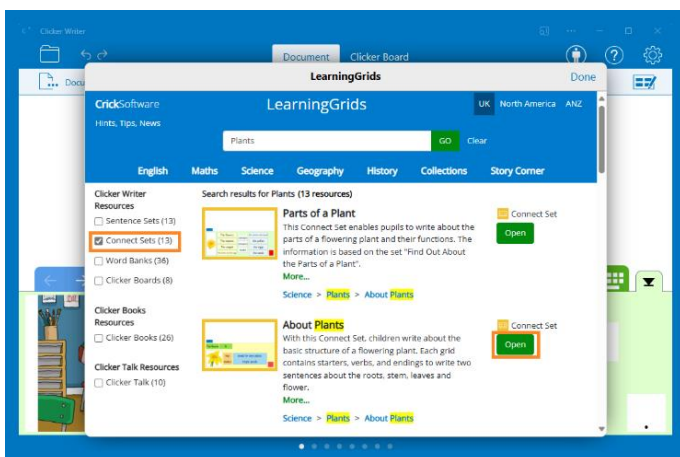
You can find out more about any resource by clicking **More**.

Opening a Clicker Set

Clicker Sets are the resources within Clicker. Each kind of Clicker Set provides a specific writing support or develops a particular literacy skill.

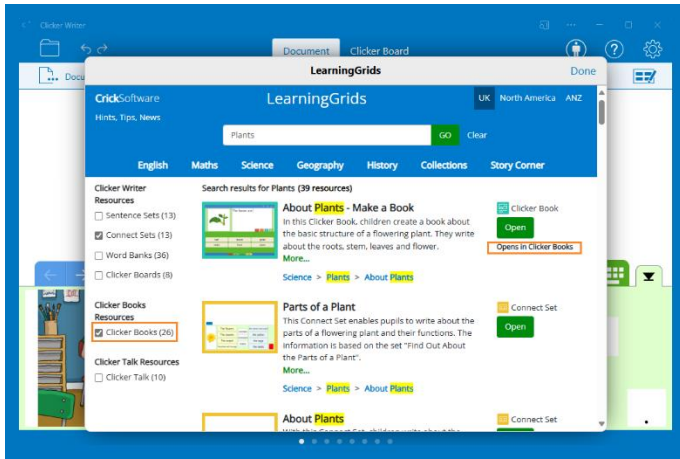


To practise opening a Clicker Set, type 'Plants' in the search bar then click **Go**.



Check the **Connect Sets** box to filter through the resources for Connect Sets.

Open the **About Plants** Connect Set by clicking **Open**.



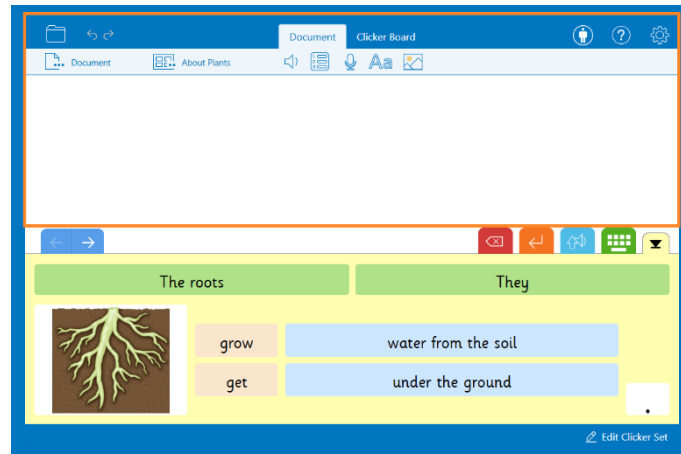
You can use the check boxes to filter for resources across the apps.

The resource will open in the relevant app.

Clicker Writer

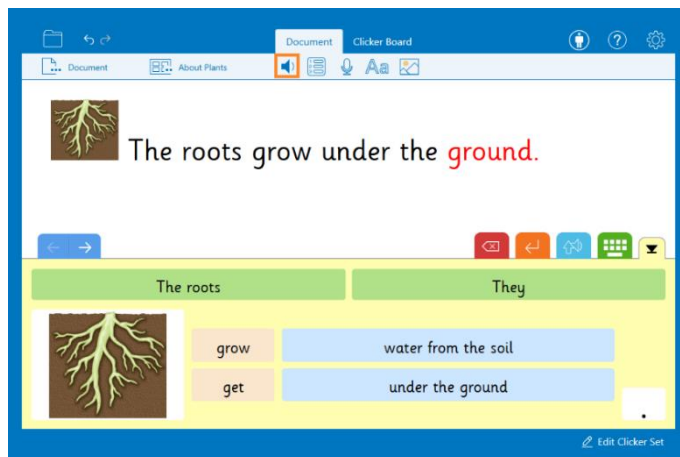
Using a Clicker Document

At the heart of Clicker sits a child-friendly word processor. Watch your pupils confidently tackle writing tasks with help from Clicker's realistic speech feedback, talking spell checker and word predictor.



Speech feedback

Using the speech support is a fantastic way to encourage learners to proofread their work and identify errors that might have been missed.

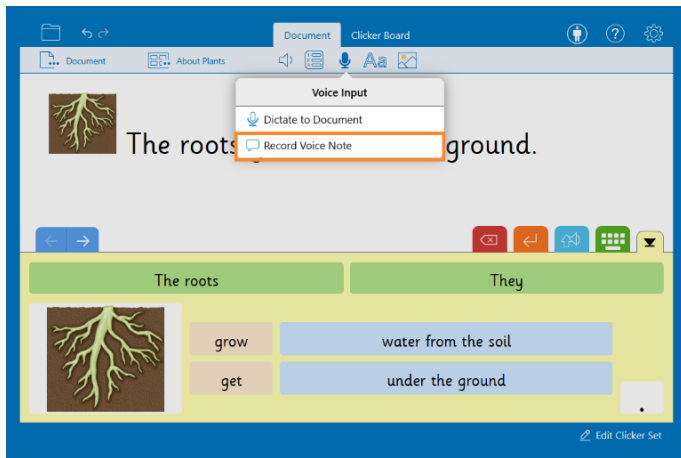


The speech function enables children to immediately hear what they've written, and each word is highlighted in red as it is spoken:

- Enter punctuation to hear your sentence read aloud.
- Highlight text then choose  to hear a section.
- Select an individual word in the document to hear it.

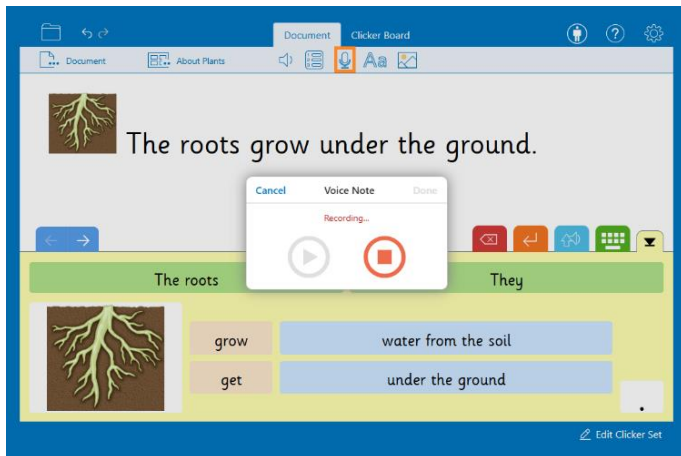
Voice Notes

Voice Notes enable learners to record their own ideas before they write. This gives them an opportunity to rehearse their sentences, and offers a powerful way for learners to capture their initial thoughts and ideas:

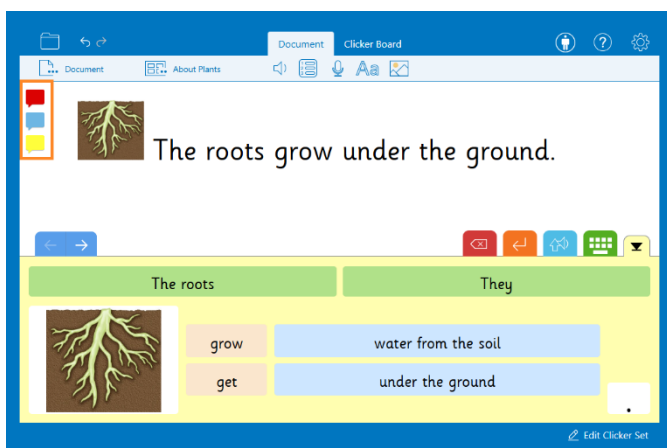


Record Voice Notes

- Choose  and select **Record Voice Note**.



- Select  to start recording, select it again to stop recording.
- Click **Done** when you've finished.
- Up to six Voice Notes can be recorded.



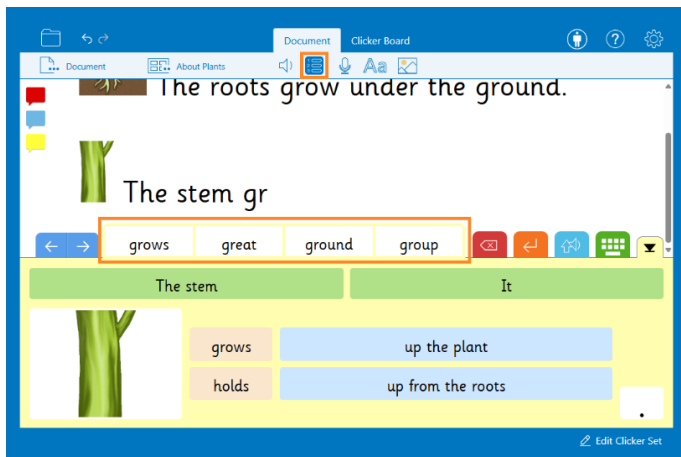
Play Voice Notes

Play Voice Notes at any time while writing:

- Each Voice Note appears as a coloured speech bubble to the left of the document.
- Click or tap a Voice Note to hear it.

Predictor

The Predictor offers vocabulary to improve writing fluency and provide spelling support.

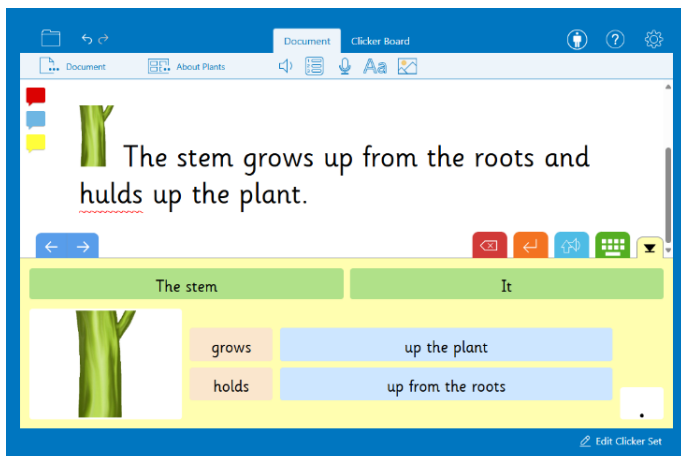


The Predictor suggests options even when words are misspelt and will include words from open resources in Clicker:

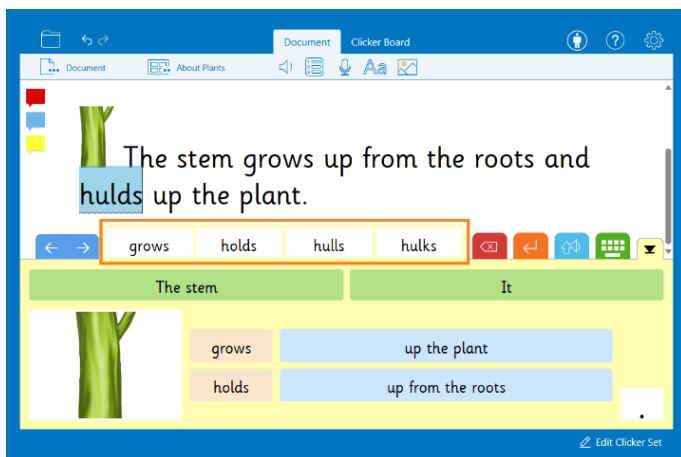
- Choose  to start using the Predictor.
- Select a word in the Predictor to use it.
- Select  then a word in the Predictor to hear it or right-click it.

Spell Check tool

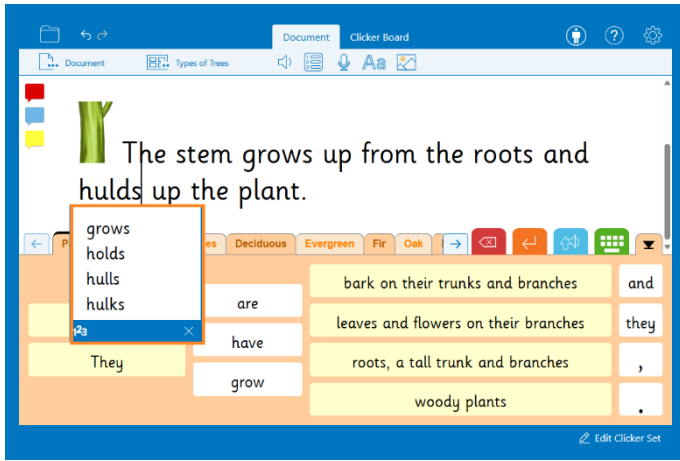
Spell Check promotes writing independence in your learners by enabling them to make informed decisions to fix their mistakes.



- If a spelling error has been made:
 - A red line will appear underneath the incorrect spelling.
 - Clicker will read out the incorrect spelling when reading the sentence.



- Select the incorrect spelling to see the Spell Check Tool suggestions.
- Use the SoundShift Tool  to hear a suggestion read aloud.
- Select a suggestion to add it into the document.

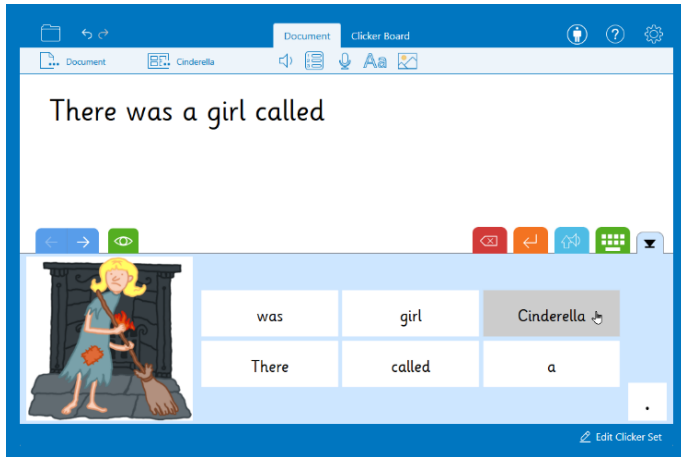


If you have a Writing Grid open that has tabs on the top, the Spell Check and the Predictor will appear as a floating box.

Using Clicker Sets

Sentence Sets

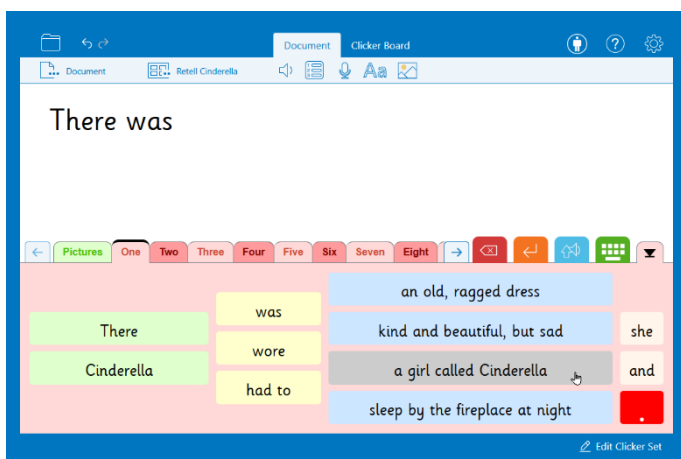
A Sentence Set contains a series of grids that enable learners to write simple sentences. Each grid in a Sentence Set contains all the words you need to build a sentence.



- Select a word in the Sentence Set to add it to your document.
- Select  then a word in the Sentence Set or right-click it to hear it.
- Complete the sentence with punctuation to hear it.
- Select  to move to the next sentence.
- Select  to view the model sentence for additional support.

Connect Sets

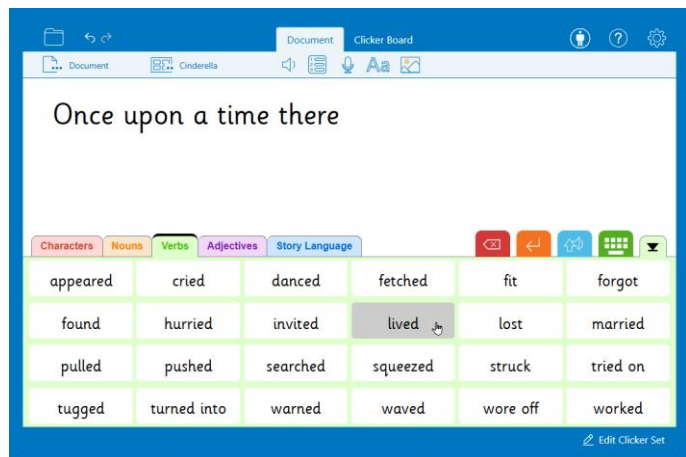
A Connect Set offers scaffolded writing activities which are more open-ended. With a combination of support and choice, learners are encouraged to extend their writing. This allows them to create a more individual piece of writing with plenty of support:



- Select a word or phrase in the Connect Set to add it to your document.
- Select  then a word in the Connect Set or right-click it to hear it.
- Complete the sentence with punctuation to hear it.
- Select  or use the tabs to move to the next grid.

Word Banks

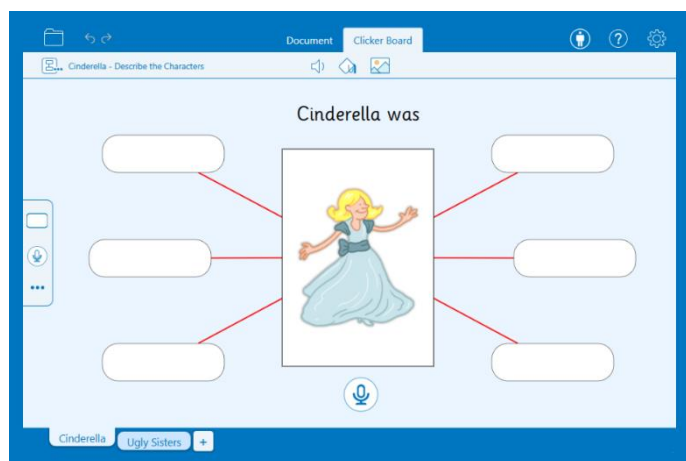
A Word Bank provides alphabetical or topic-based word lists to use alongside the keyboard to write about any subject. Word Banks are ideal for your more independent writers who need support with key subject vocabulary, as they provide learners with access to higher level vocabulary arranged in tabs:



- Select a word in the Word Bank to add it to your document.
- Select  then a word or phrase in the Word Bank or right-click it to hear it.
- Use the tabs to move between grids.

Clicker Board

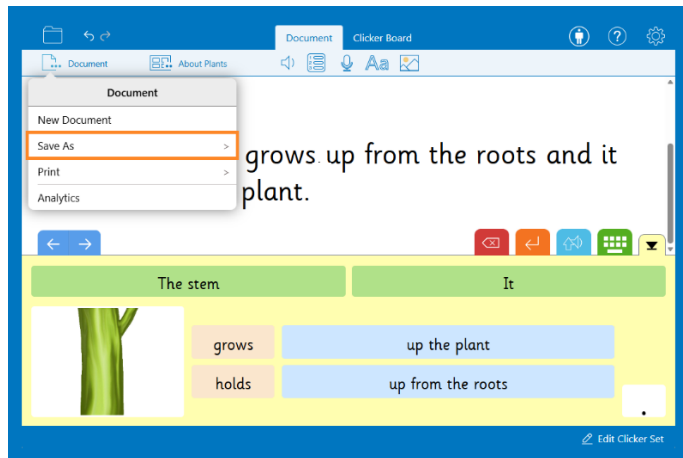
Clicker Boards are an easy-to-use mind mapping tool. Use a Clicker Board to help children plan and develop ideas before writing:



- Double-click or tap a cell to add text.
- Select a cell and then  to delete it.
- Click or tap and drag from the circular handles to create a new cell.
- Move between the tabs at the bottom of the screen to create or access more content.

Saving and Printing

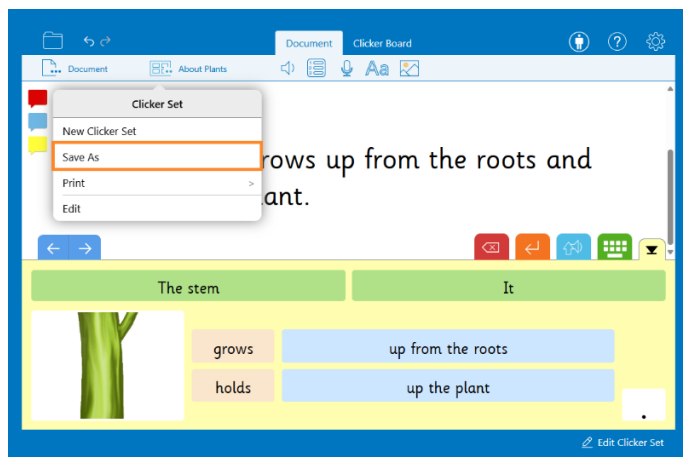
Save a Clicker Document



Save a child's writing in a Clicker Document to continue later:

- Go to  and choose **Save As**.
- Choose in which format you want to save the Document.
- Navigate to your local storage or cloud storage to choose where your Document will be saved.
- Choose  and select My Files to open a previously saved Document.

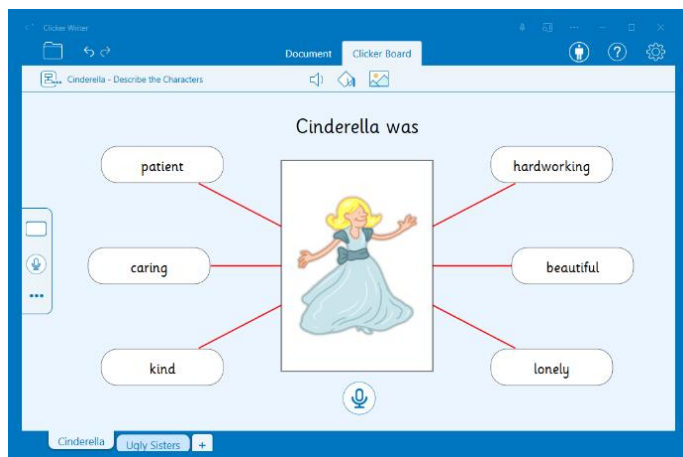
Save a Clicker Set



Save a Writing Grid that you've created or edited:

- Select  and choose Save As.
- Navigate to your local storage or cloud storage to choose where your Writing Grid will be saved.
- Choose  and select My Files to open a previously saved writing grid.

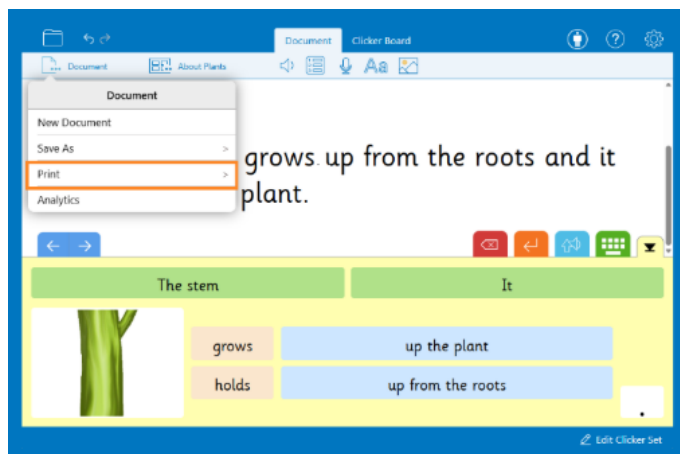
Save a Clicker Board



Save a Clicker Board that you've created or edited:

- Select  and choose Save As.
- Navigate to your local storage or cloud storage to choose where your Clicker Board will be saved.
- Choose  and select My Files to open a previously saved Clicker Board.

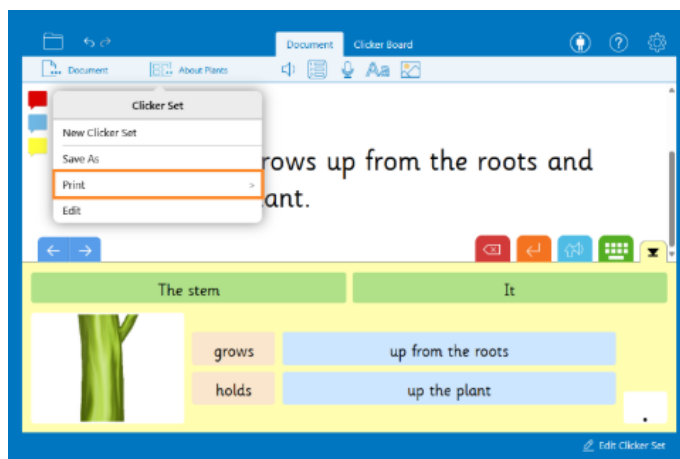
Print a Clicker Document



Print a child's work to keep a physical record of their progress:

- Select  and choose Print.
- This will then open your print options.

Print a Clicker Set



Print a Clicker Set to give learners a physical copy:

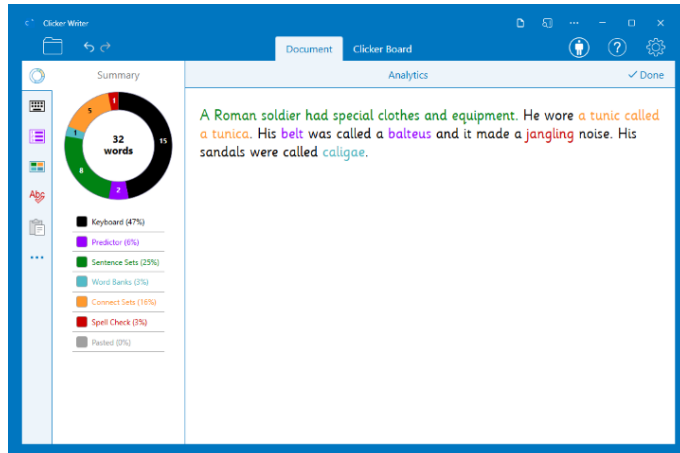
- Select  and choose Print.
- This will then open your print options.

If you would like to learn more about sharing, saving and printing in Clicker Writer, please book a [Customer Care Meeting](#) with a member of our Customer Experience Team. In this meeting, we can discuss which options would work best for your setting.

Using Clicker Analytics

Clicker's Analytics tool gives you a unique insight into each learner's writing process, helping you make informed decisions about their current support levels and the most effective next steps.

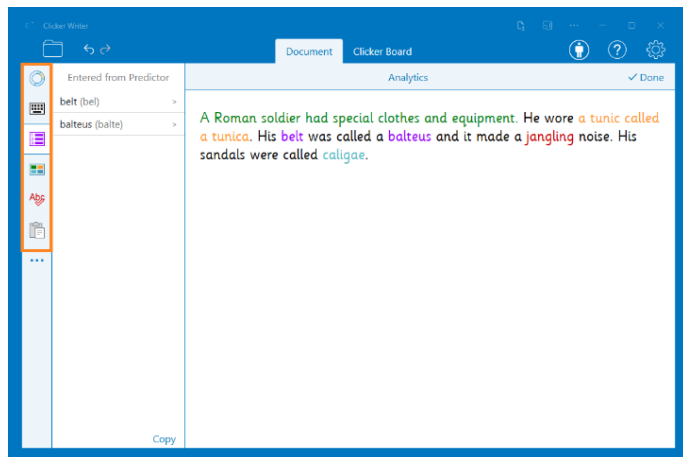
Overview



Use Clicker Analytics to see at a glance how your pupils are using the accommodations you've put in place for them with Clicker, and whether they are ready to progress to new activities and challenges.

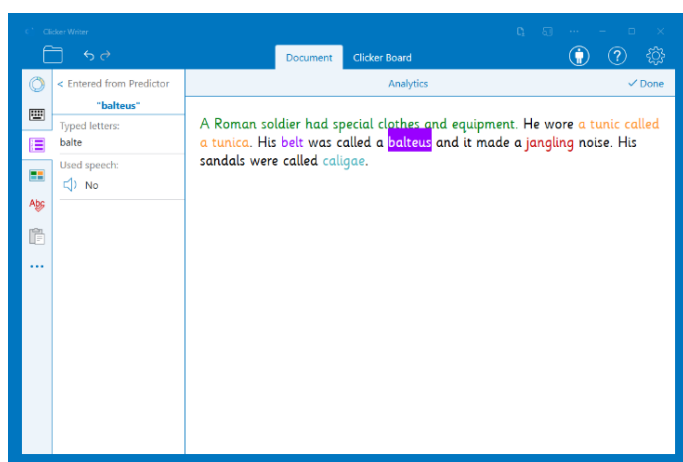
- Select  and choose **Analytics**.
- On the left is a summary showing how text has been entered into the document.
- On the right the words in the document are coloured according to how they were entered.

Drill down

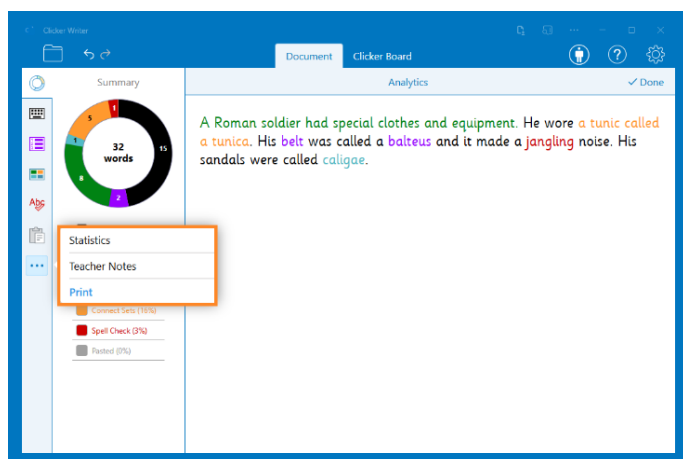


Get more detail about how each word was input:

- Use the six tabs on the left to see all the words input from a particular source.



- Select words in the document on the right to view more information.
- Go to  to see more options:
 - Choose **Statistics** to see date and structure information.
 - Choose **Teacher Notes** to add or view your notes.
- Choose **Print** to print the document and Analytics information.
- To close the Analytics tool, select 

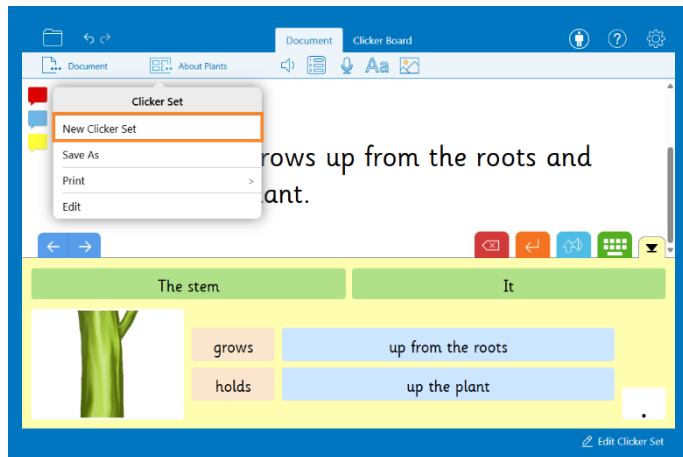


- You can refer back to the Analytics data at any time – it's embedded within the document and easily accessible via the Analytics tool.

Create a new Clicker Set

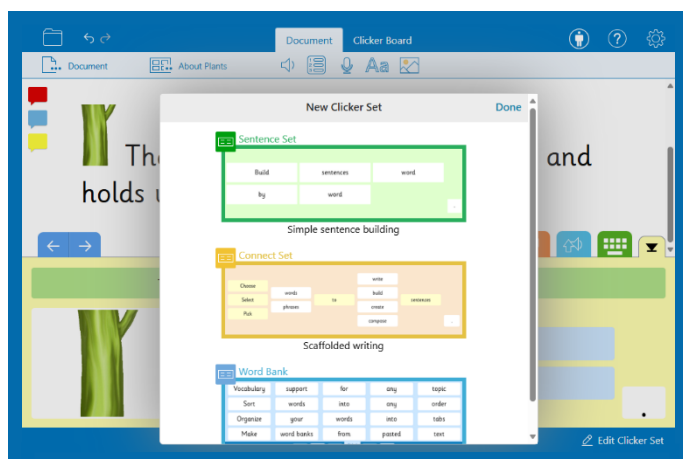
Clicker makes creating and editing resources easier than ever, so that you can quickly provide content for any topic.

Creating a new Writing Grid

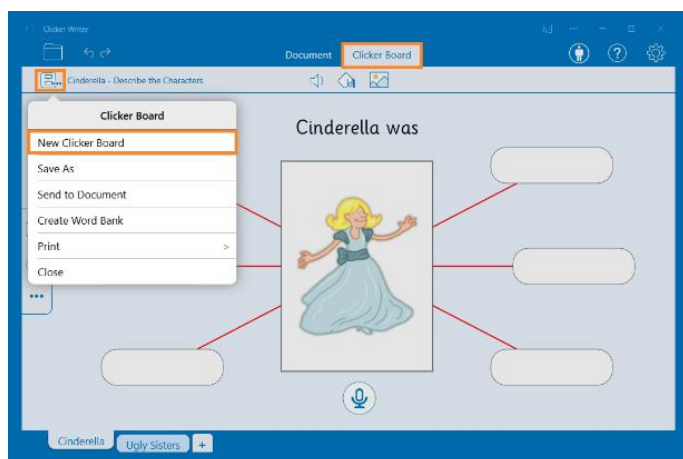


Make your own Clicker Sets to support children in different ways:

- Go to 
- Choose **New Clicker Set**
- Select the type of Clicker Set you want to make.
- Learn how to create and edit Clicker Sets in the [Create your own Clicker Sets training guide](#)



Creating a Clicker Board



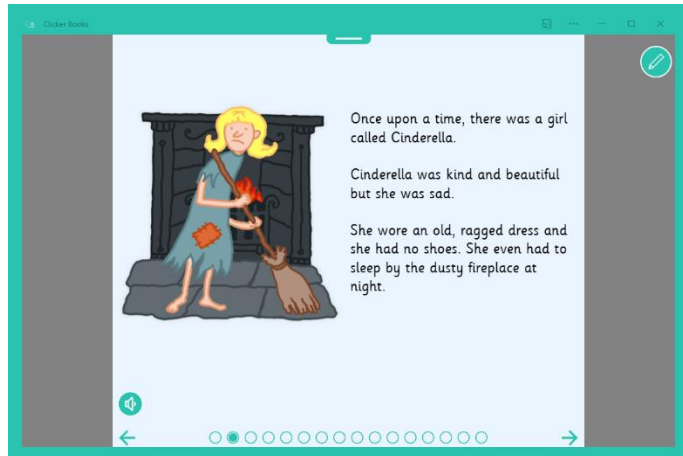
To create a new Clicker Board:

- Go to the **Clicker Board** tab
- Select  in the top toolbar, then choose **New Clicker Board**
- Choose a template to get started

Clicker Books

Using Clicker Books

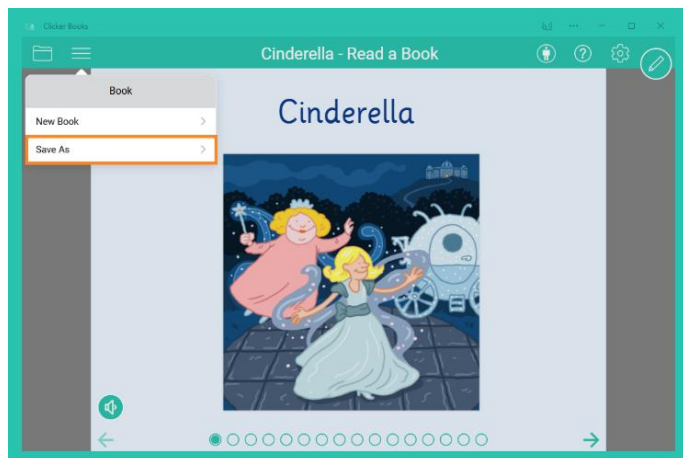
The Clicker Books App provides on-screen speech supported information books.



- Move between the pages using the arrows.
- Listen to the text using .
- Select a word to hear it.

Saving a Clicker Book

Save a Clicker Book that you've created or edited:



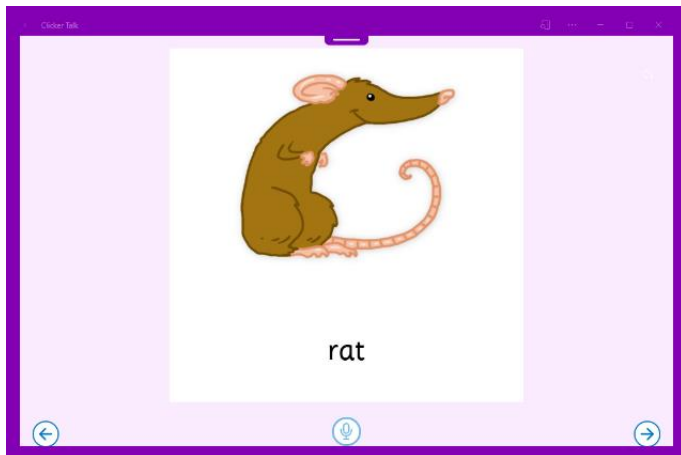
- In the Clicker Books app:
 - If hidden, tap  to open the toolbar.
 - Tap  and choose **Save As**.
- Navigate to your local storage or cloud storage to choose where your Clicker Book will be saved.
- Tap  and select My Files to open a previously saved Clicker Book.

If you would like to learn more about sharing and saving in Clicker Books, please book a [Customer Care Meeting](#) with a member of our Customer Experience Team. In this meeting, we can discuss which options would work best for your setting.

Clicker Talk

In the Clicker Talk App, you can find Talk Sets. Talk Sets are a powerful tool to develop speaking skills. Talk Sets can build a learner's vocabulary using picture and speech and support those who struggle to express themselves in written form. There are three main types of Talk Sets:

Listen & Say



Children can listen to the word read out and record themselves repeating it:

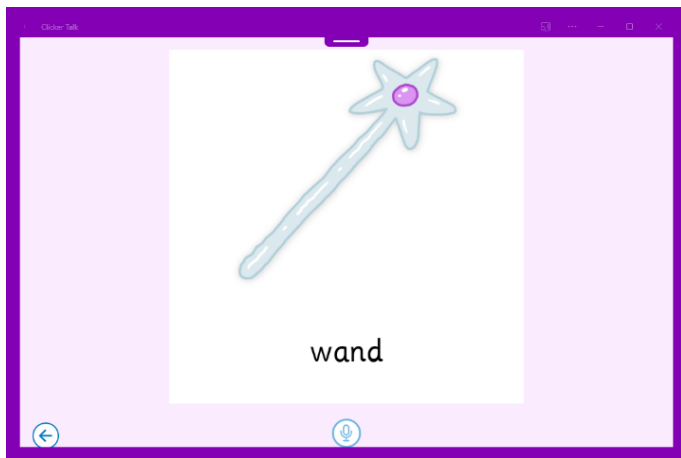
- Children can listen to the word read out and record themselves repeating it:
- Use the first page to practise.
- Use  to start the activity.
- Click or tap on the picture to hear the word.
- Select  to open the recorder.
- Make a recording, then click Done.
- On the first page, use the speech bubbles to listen to the recordings.

Talk About



Develop children's oral communication skills with Talk About activities. Using picture prompts, encourage learners to record what they know about a topic.

- Click or tap an image to open the recording page.
- Select the microphone buttons to open the recorder.
- Make your recording, then click **Done**.
- Select  to return to the start page.
- Use the speech bubbles to listen to the recordings.

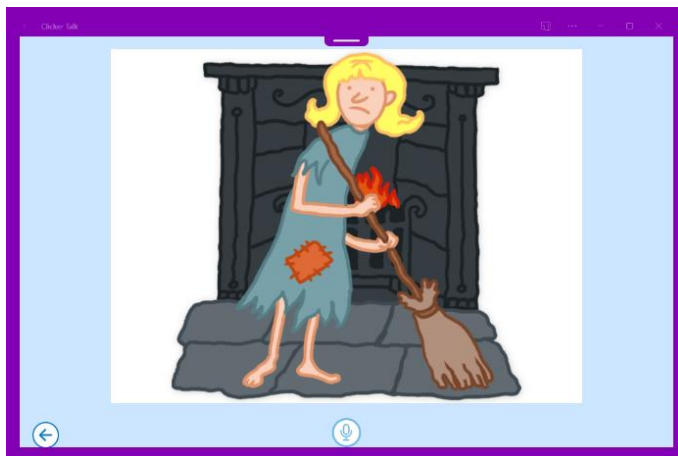


Tell the Story



Support learners retelling stories or explaining processes with Tell the Story activities.

- Click or tap an image to open the recording page.
- Select  to open the recorder.
- Make your recording, then click **Done**.
- Select  to return to the start page.
- Use the speech bubble to listen to all recordings in the sequence.



Saving a Talk Set



Save a Talk Set that you've created or edited:

- In the Clicker Talk app:
 - If hidden, tap  to open the toolbar.
 - Tap  and choose Save As.
- Navigate to your local storage or cloud storage to choose where your Talk Set will be saved.
- Tap  and select My Files to open a previously saved Talk Set.

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