



Clicker



Clicker is a fun, accessible computer programme that can be used to support children with their writing skills. It will even read back what you have written so you can hear whether it is correct or needs a second look!

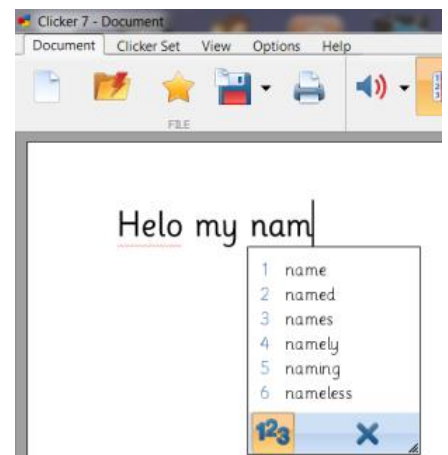
Clicker is for all children at Primary age. It helps children get their ideas down without worrying about handwriting and can be a way for reluctant writers to write longer pieces of work more easily. Clicker lets children be successful with writing which gives them more motivation!

Writing can be difficult - Clicker can help your child make sentences that make sense, find the right words and improve their writing without having to concentrate on their handwriting.

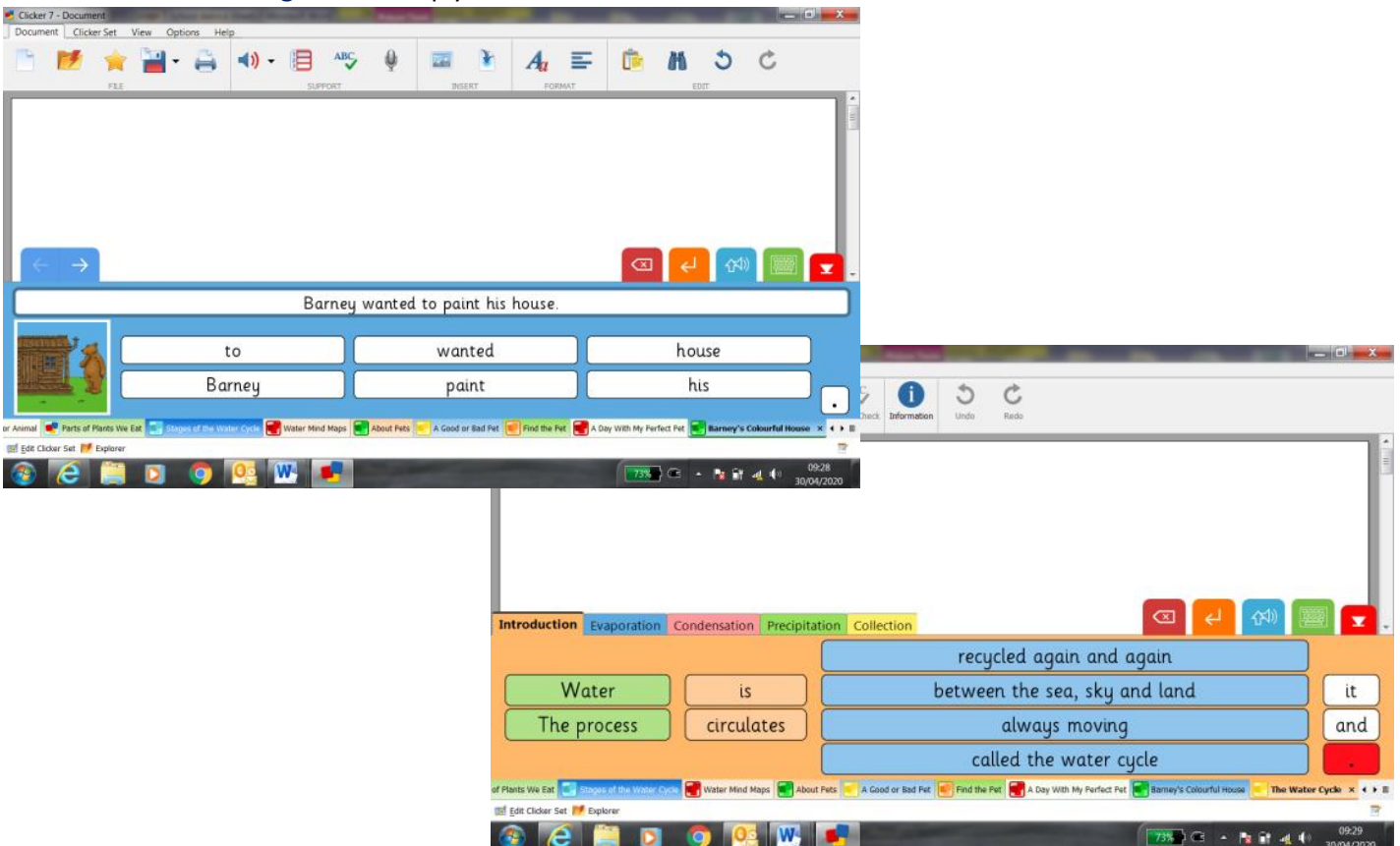
Whilst typing, Clicker can provide a level of support that is right for your child. It has:

- Predictive text
- Spelling support
- Grammar support
- Word banks

Simply turn on the features your child needs!

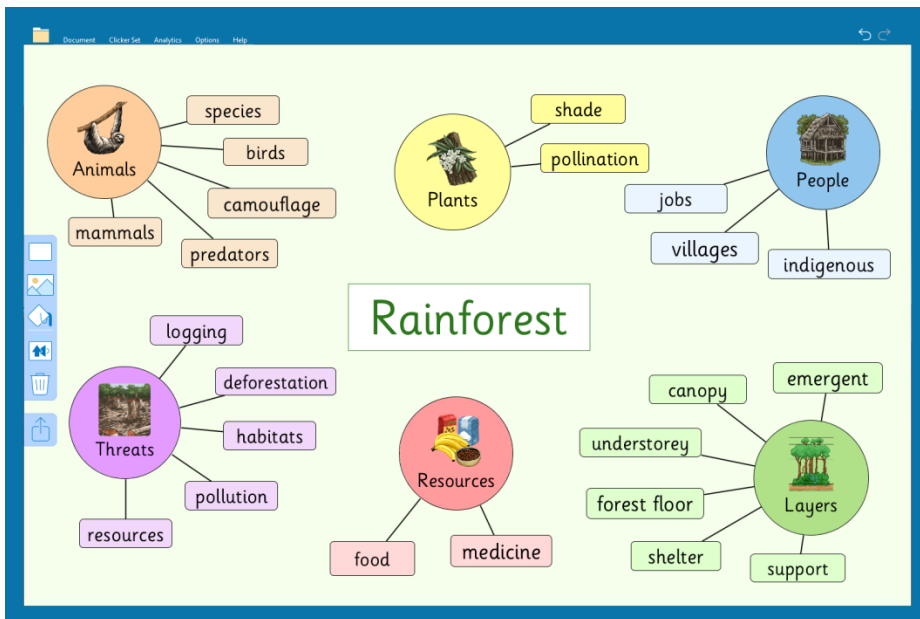


Download free **LearningGrids** to help your child write:



Clicker Board can be used to organise ideas, phrases, pictures and text.

Once you have finished planning, with a click, you can create a word bank or picture bank to support the writing.



<h3>Characters</h3> <p>Jack, Mother, Giant</p>	<h3>Setting</h3> <p>Cottage, Castle</p>
<h3>Start</h3> <p>Jack must sell the cow. He buys magic beans. A beanstalk grows to the Giant's castle.</p>	<h3>Problem</h3> <p>Jack goes to the castle and steals things from the Giant and the Giant chases him.</p>
<h3>Ending</h3> <p>Jack's mother chops down the beanstalk. The Giant falls.</p>	

Instead of writing, your child can record their voice to record their work

During this period of lockdown

there is free access to Clicker available for **parents** and school staff to use at home. All you need to do is **go on the Cricksoft website** <https://www.cricksoft.com/uk> and **sign up**. Codes and installation information will be sent to you.

The version sent will be the new Clicker 8 which was released this year and may vary slightly from the guidance for Clicker 7 in the Getting Started tips below.

Please note: Clicker 8 requires **Windows 10** to run.



To see an introductory video of Clicker 8 click on the link below:

<https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/clicker>



Set up

- <https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/clicker/clicker-at-home/installation> for installation instructions.
- Contact the support page <https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/support/contact> if you have a problem.
- Check the sound is working on your computer so you can hear the speech.
- Watch the Get Started video <https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/training/clicker/clicker-8/tutorials> (there's also a link to this from the Help tab in Clicker 8).



Share work

- Save work anywhere on your computer.
- Share work between home and school. You can use cloud services like Dropbox, Google Drive or OneDrive, or you can attach files to emails. Find out more about sharing files on Win / Mac by visiting <https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/support/clicker/windows-mac/share-files-pc>



Learn more

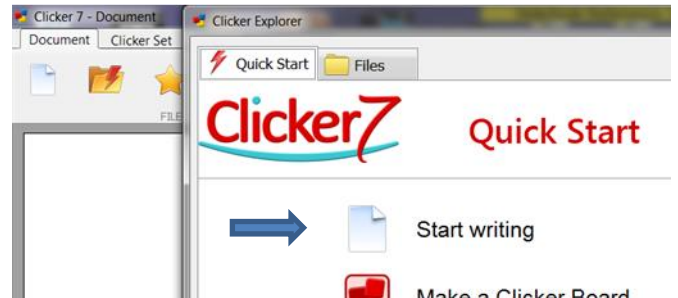
- Watch our short step-by-step video tutorials at <https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/training/clicker/clicker-8/tutorials>
- Join a free webinar on using Clicker at home with one of our Education Consultants at <https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/training/clicker/clicker-8/webinars>
- Join the Clicker Community Group on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Clicker.Software/>

Getting started tips

How to:

1. **Get writing:** use it as a word processor like Microsoft word for example, but with added support.

- Click on the Clicker Icon on your desktop
- The Quick Start Screen will come up
- Click on Start writing



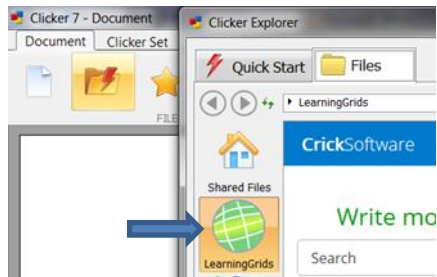
2. **Download the free resources :** LearningGrids

In addition to writing grids, LearningGrids also provides information books & stories and many other activities.

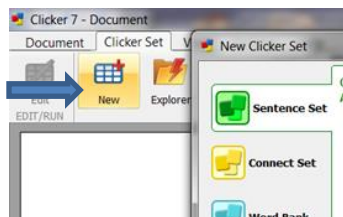
- From the Quick Start screen which you can get back anytime by clicking on the explorer tab



- Click on the Files tab (see picture below).
- This will bring up the LearningGrids symbol; click on it to access the free resources. You must be connected to the internet at this point to access them.



3. If you like, you can make your own Clicker resources too – go to the Clicker Set tab and click New.



Some of the information for this advice sheet was taken from the Cricksoft Website 30.04.2020