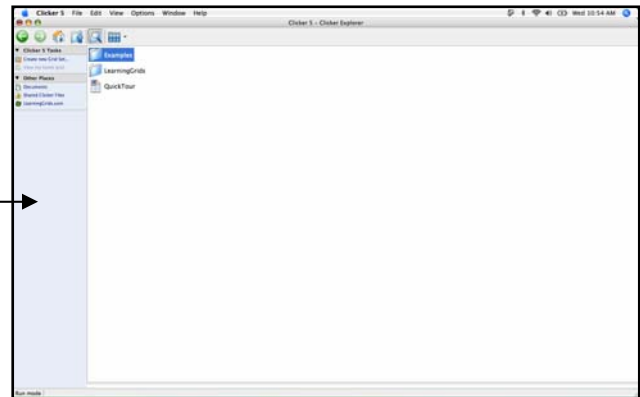


Introduction to Clicker 5

Section A:

Start the Clicker 5 program. The Clicker Explorer is launched.



Double click on **Examples > Language Arts > Simple Sentences** and sample the grid.

Toolbars



New document
Open a document
Save a document
Prints document
Font
Bold
Italic
Underline
Change font colour
Background colour
Highlight text
Align left
Align center
Align right
Spell check
Speak text
Hide grid
Insert picture



Clicker Explorer
Screen
Return to home page
Toggles between grids

This toolbar is found in the middle of your screen.



File > Settings > Toolbars enables you to customize the selected tools available in the activity.

Section B:

Features

Ctrl + Click → Words are spoken

Click on the word / cell → Sends the word to the clicker writer

When a stop is added to the end of a sentence, the sentence is read aloud with the words highlighted.



The arrow allows you to see more words and to create more sentences.

Shift + Click → The cell will highlight and allows you to change the text in a cell



Hide Grid icon. Clicking on this icon allows you to temporarily hide the grid.



The speech icon allows you to hear the words spoken and to see them highlighted.

Highlight the text of your choice. To change the font size, click on the **font** icon.
Repeat clicking on the **bold, italic and colour** icon.



Section C:

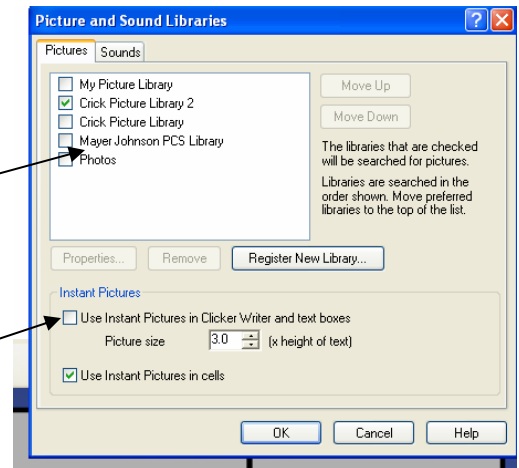
Instant Pictures as you Type

Pictures can come from a number of sources (e.g., Crick Picture library, photographs, symbols, scanned images, clip art etc...).

To check the picture library, go to menu and click on **File > Settings > Picture and Sound Libraries**

Pictures tab is displayed

Ensure that the **Crick Picture Library 2** box and the **Use Instant Pictures in Clicker Writer and text boxes** are checked. Click **ok**.



Pictures should now appear as your type the text.

To turn off instant picture as you type, **File > Settings > Picture and Sound Libraries**. Clear the **Use Instant Pictures in Clicker Writer** box

To Change and to Remove Pictures

Click on the desired word and press **F12** (the picture changes). The library scrolls through the pictures in the active library.

Section D:

Edit Mode

Clicker 5 has two modes: **Run Mode** and **Edit Mode**.

Some edits are capable in the **run mode** however greater control over edits is done in **edit mode**.

In the menu bar, click on **Edit > Edit Mode**



The floating toolbar is displayed

Section E:

Ctrl + Click on a cell opens the selected cell properties from the menu.

By scrolling through the tabs, you can change the appearance, how it is sent, the sound & video and other features of that cell.



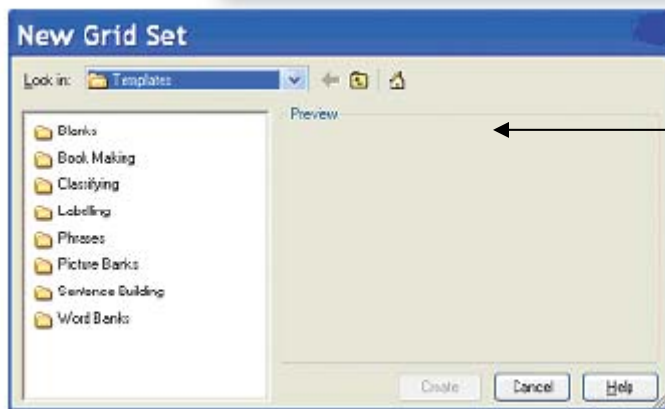
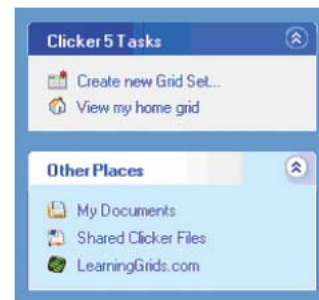
Section F:

Creating a Grid Set

Clicker Explorer Screen > **Create New Grid Set**

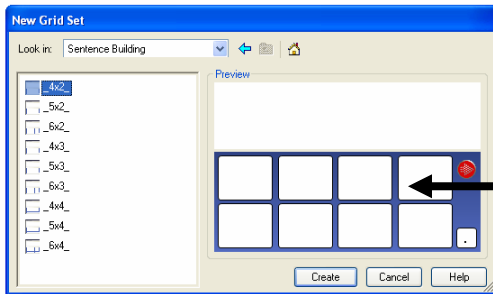
Or

From within a grid set > **File Menu > New Grid Set**



The **Create New Grid Set** opens

Double click on **Sentence Building > Sentence Building Template**



A number of master grids are listed.

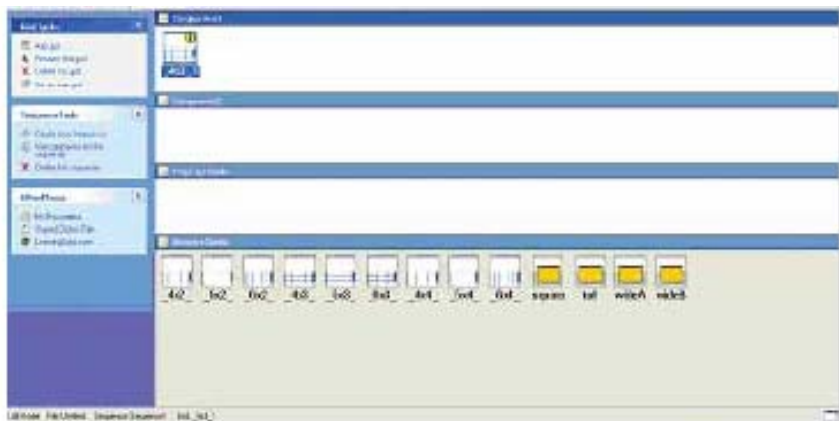
Thumbnails

Click on the **4x2** and then on **Create**. The new grid is displayed.

Using the **Edit Mode**, add words and pictures in each cell by opening their properties box.

Section G:

Add a Page to your Grid Set



Section H:

Master Grids

Clicker Explorer > Click and drag 4 X 3 and place it next to the grid you have made > Double click on the first page in your set > Click on the arrow to take you to the next page.

Add words and pictures to build some new sentences.

Saving

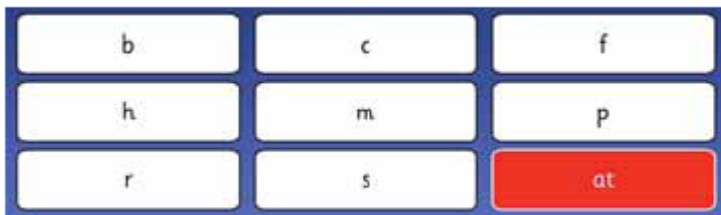
File > Save Grid Set As (create new folder for your activities) then press “Enter”

Section I:

Making a Word Building Grid using Word Bank Templates

File Menu > New Grid Set > Word Banks > Word Banks > Click 3 X 3 > Click Create

The grid will send to Clicker Writer in the top half of the screen.

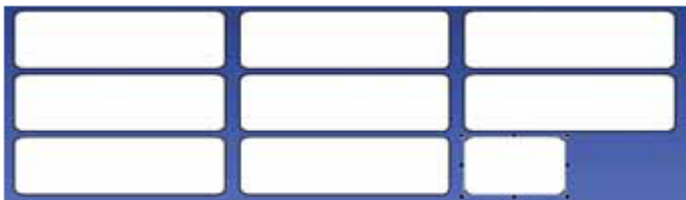


To edit each cell, or Grid Properties dialogue, click Shift + Mouse

Add text & colour > ok

Changing the Master Grid – Creating Links Between Grids

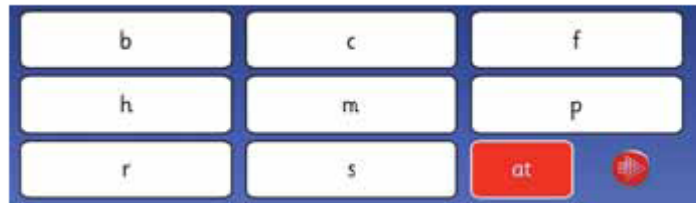
Clicker Explorer > Master grid for 3 X 3 > Shrink bottom right cell to half size



To add a forward arrow, go to Clicker5 Editing Tool Bar (Edit > Edit Mode > Cell Palette)

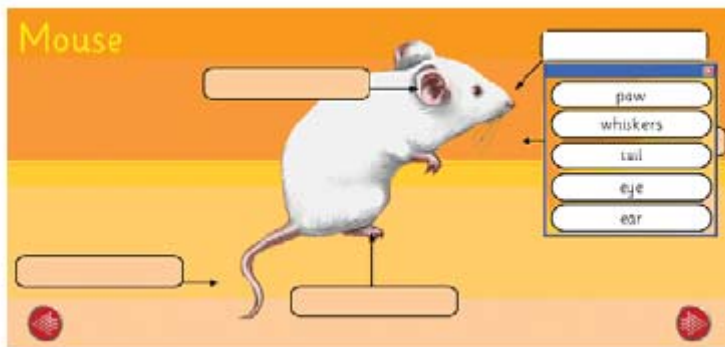


Move to the various arrow tabs and click and drag the forward arrow into the space you have just made.



Section J:

Grids with Pop-ups



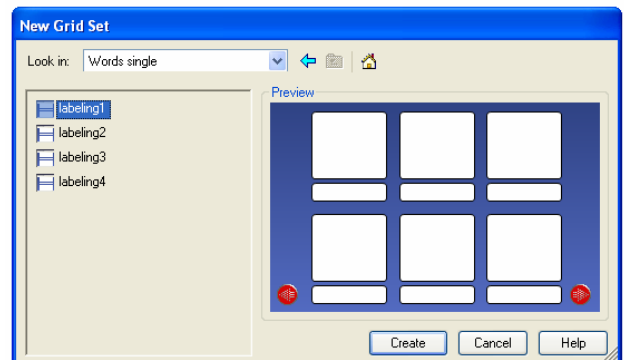
Examples > Science > Animal Labels

Creating A Labeling Grid Set

In the **Run Mode**, go to Clicker Explorer and click **Create New Grid Set**

Double Click **Labeling > Words Single > Labeling 1 > Create**

A pop-up grid should appear when the small cells are clicked.



To add words in the pop-up grid:

In **Edit Mode**, go to **Clicker Explorer** and open the grid **words 1** (this is the grid that opens when each small cell is clicked)

Add text to each of the cells. If pictures are added in the cell, hold down the **Command** key and click each cell in turn. This highlights the cells.

Open **Cell properties > Appearance** tab, click **remove picture > ok**

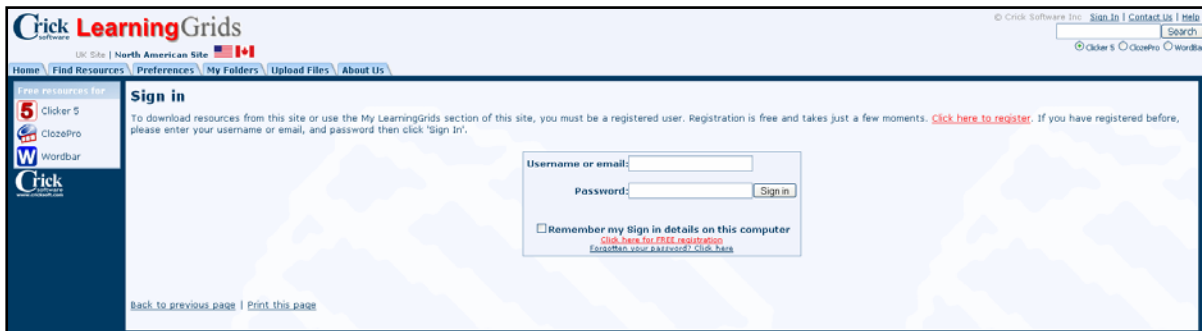
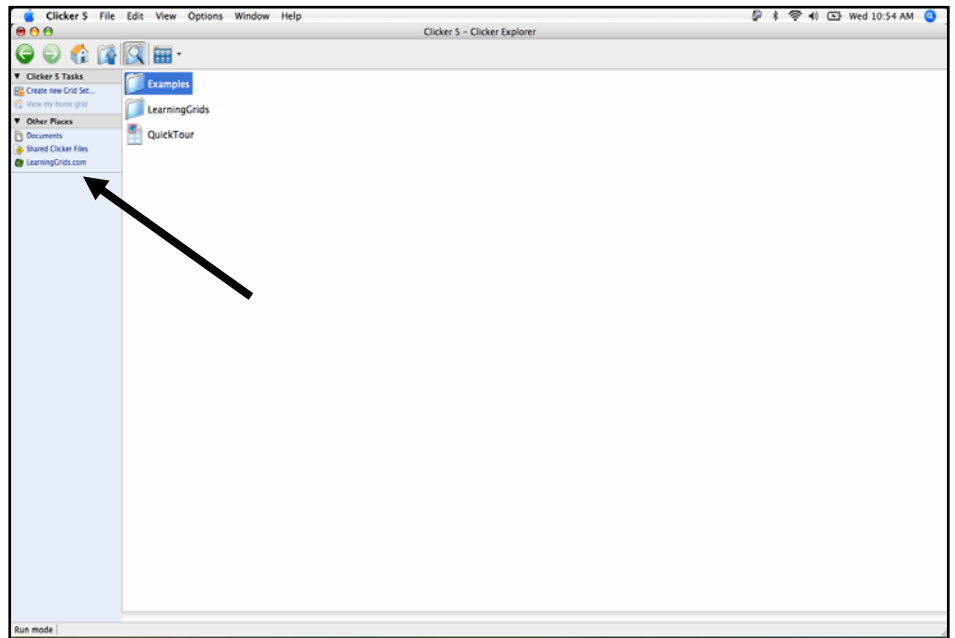
Save your grid set.

Section K:

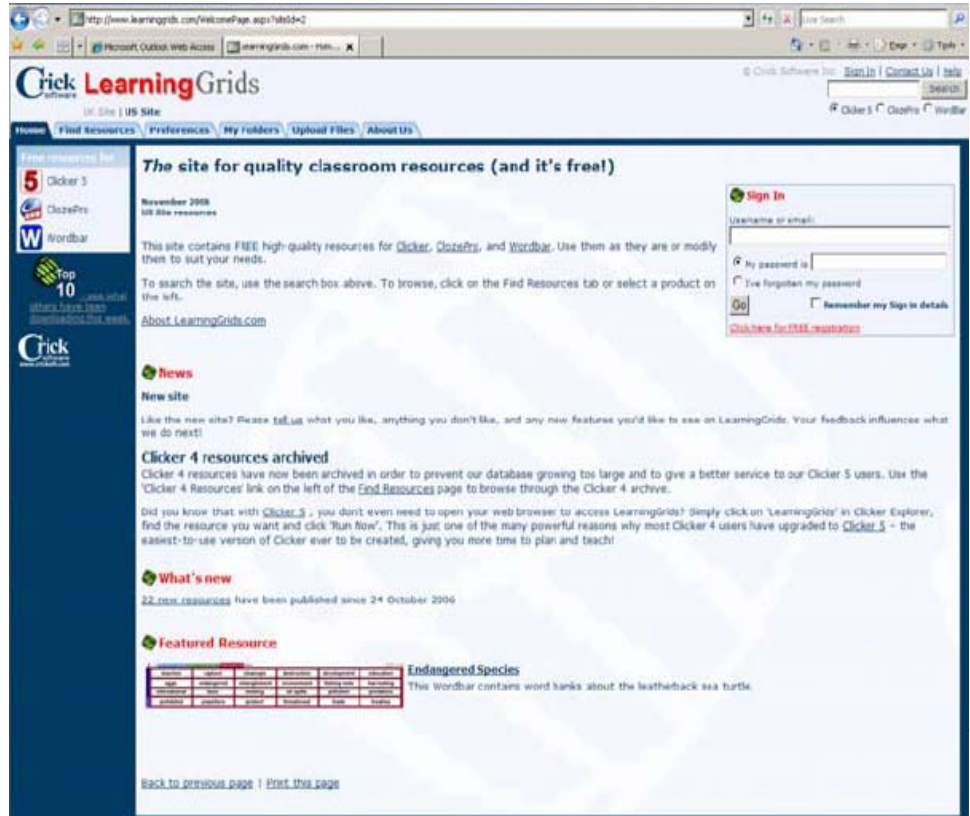
Downloading Clicker Grids

To download grids, follow the instructions below.

1. Click on the Learning Grids.com link.
2. Choose a category of your choice and browse its selection.
3. Select **Windows or Macintosh download** – at this point you will have to log in.
4. If you are not a member, register for a free account.
5. Write down your user name and password for future reference.



6. Once you have logged in, you will return to the page where your chosen grid can be seen.



7. Click on the Windows/ Macintosh icon depending on your Operating system and save to disk

8. All the grids downloaded from

www.learninggrids.com can be found in the CGfL folder.

9. Retrieve the downloaded grids and try them.

Congratulations this concludes the Clicker 5 introductory tutorial