



An Introduction to Clicker 5

Clicker 5 is an easy to use word processor for young people with or without learning difficulties. It has the usual functions that you would expect from a word processor, ie it has a spellchecker, you can format font and align text on the page. It also has a pop-up on screen keyboard for those pupils who have limited keyboard ability but can control a mouse or trackerball.

The screen is usually split into two halves, the top half is the writing pane and the bottom is the grid pane, often called Clicker writer and Clicker grid. Put very simply, the top half is your document and the bottom half is like your keyboard, used to input words and pictures into your document.

Clicker grids contain cells which can be used for a wide range of tasks like containing vocabulary for a specific writing task or containing all the words needed to form a sentence.

In this case they are called 'sending grids' – when clicked on, the cells send the word to the writing pane.

You can also set up the screen as a 'non-sending grid' – in this case there is no writing pane and the cells can be set up to play sounds and perform other tasks. This is covered in the advanced instructions document.

The best way to learn how to use Clicker is to try editing or making your own grids – this is covered in the basic instructions document.