



How to use Clicker 5 – Advanced instructions.

Setting up speech options per grid

Open the required grid set and then go into edit mode.

Click on *Writer* on the editing toolbar, click on the *Speech* tab and then use the tick boxes to set up the speech as required.

Making a cell speak

In edit mode, *right click* on a cell that contains text. Select *Properties* and then the *Sound & Video* tab. Under Left Button click on *Speak text shown in cell* then click on *OK*.

Now, when the cell is clicked, the words in the cell will be spoken.

Adding a sound button

In edit mode, select a suitable button from the *Cell Palette* and place it on the grid. *Right click* on the button and then click on *Properties*.

Go to the *Sound & Video* tab then under Left Button click on *Speak or play this...*

Remove any text that is in the box to the right, then click on *Insert*.

To speak the words in a cell, hover the mouse over *Cells* and all the cells on the page should appear. Hover the mouse over the required cell and then click on the word *Text* when it appears. Click *OK* to close the Cell Properties box.

To speak the words in a text box, do the same as above except after clicking on *Insert*, hover the mouse over *Text Boxes* instead, and then select the required text box.

To speak the words in the Clicker Writer pane, do the same as before but click on *Clicker Writer* after clicking on *Insert*. Choose from the options that appear (*All text*, *Current Paragraph* etc).

A cell or button can also be made to play any sound. This may be the voice of someone reading the text, rather than using the speech synthesizer on the computer. To add a sound to a cell, go to Cell Properties as before, select the *Sound & Video* tab and then click on *Play recorded sound or video*

Setting up default fonts

In edit mode click on the *Writer* button on the editing toolbar. Click on the *Starting Document* tab and then select the font and colour that you want to write with. This will setup the default font for the grid set you are working on, not for Clicker in general.

Changing the size and colour of the grid area

In edit mode, click on the *Grid* button on the editing toolbar and then click on the *Appearance* tab, change the colour of the background.

To change the size of the grid area, hover the mouse over the thin grey line immediately below the writing pane until a symbol with two arrows appears. *Left click* and *hold down* the mouse button whilst dragging the line to where you want it then release the mouse button.

Non sending grids

Non sending grids don't use the writing pane, they can be used for making reading or choosing activities. To create one click:

File – New Grid set – Blanks – Blank Grids – Non Sending - Create

Cells can now be added as before in edit mode. These cells can contain words, pictures or videos – editing is the same as for sending grids.

Pop-up grids

Pop-up grids are used to allow you to choose a word or picture from a list. This word can then either be made to stay in a cell or sent to the writer pane.

First you have to set up the words you want in each pop-up cell. Create a new grid set and go to edit mode. Click on *Explorer* button and then click on the blue bar that says *Pop-up grids*. In the Grid Tasks area click on *Add pop-up grid*.

Choose one of the grids from the options and click *Add* – it should then appear in the Pop-up grids area. *Right click* on it and click on *Rename*, choose a suitable name eg 'choice1' then press *return*.

You then need to edit this grid by double clicking on it. You will need to put some cells in it – if you want a choice of three words, add three cells, edit them as before.

You will also need to edit each of these cells so that they are set up to close the pop-up when they are selected. In the Cell Properties window, click on the *Open Grid* tab and then select *Hide pop-up*. If you don't do this the pop-up grid will stay on the screen until you manually close it.

When you have finished, click on the *Explorer* button and *double click* on the grid that you want the cells to pop-up in (usually the grid under Sequence1).

Insert a new cell in the grid pane, then open its properties. Go to the *Open Grid* tab and select *Open the pop-up grid*, click on the *black arrow* and click *Choose pop-up grid*. You will then be presented with a choice of the pop-up grids you have made. If you have only made one, there will only be one, *click* on the one you want then click *OK* and then *OK* in the cell properties.

Right click on the cell and then click on *Pop-up grid details*. You can now choose where you want the word to go, usually either *This cell* or *Clicker Writer*. If you choose *This Cell*, then if there is a word in the cell when you save the Grid, it will appear there next time you open it.