

Clicker6(Win/Mac) v.6.15

Making an Accessible Book

Introduction

Creating books that are accessible for all students is easy to do in Clicker 6. The program comes with *Click and Edit Make a Book* templates that can be customized with pictures and text to create interactive talking books. There is a built in recorder for adding page narration, and a read-back function featuring highlighting. This guide describes how to make an accessible book using the Click and Edit Make a Book template.

These templates allow the user to add pictures and text without putting the program into “Edit” mode. As such they make it easy for students to create their own talking books, presentations or reports. Using the skills learned in this tutorial you can teach your students how to use them for their own writing.

This tutorial assumes...

- You have scanned images of the book you wish to make accessible saved on your computer desktop or flash drive.
- You have the Clicker 6 program installed on your computer.
- You have a microphone to record your narration.

Learning Objectives

Completion of this tutorial will give you experience with the following:

- Using Click and Edit templates in Clicker 6.
- Locating and importing scanned images in Click and Edit.
- Using the built-in recorder to add page narration
- Using “play mode” in Click and Edit for your accessible book.

Case Study

Ms. Brown has 4 students using Clicker 6 in her grade 1 classroom. Two of the students have reduced motion in their hands, and they find it difficult to hold books. One uses switch access for computer use. The other student uses a mouse. Ms. Brown would like them to be able to read from a choice of leveled books available to her class. Two other students are struggling with the concept of reading. They are reluctant to try reading at all. She believes that using accessible books will give them an increasingly successful experience with books and reading.

Choosing the *Click and Edit Make a Book* Template

Launch the Clicker 6 program and from the Clicker 6 Quick Start window...

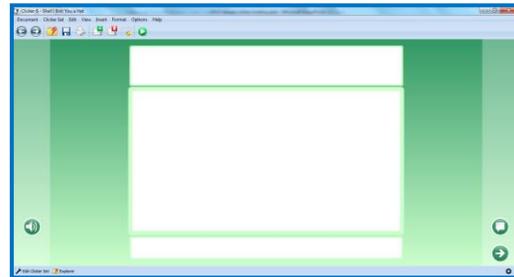
- 1 • **Select** Make a book
- **Click to choose** a Portrait or Landscape Clicker set. This example uses the Portrait option.



When might you choose Portrait or Landscape for the accessible book?

Understanding the *Make a Book* Template

The *Make a book* templates are designed to give students easy access to creating books. The Clicker set contains a “title page” and a book page. Tools are available for recording, colouring the backgrounds, and adding and removing pages.



The tool bar in Click and Edit is specific to this type of Clicker set.

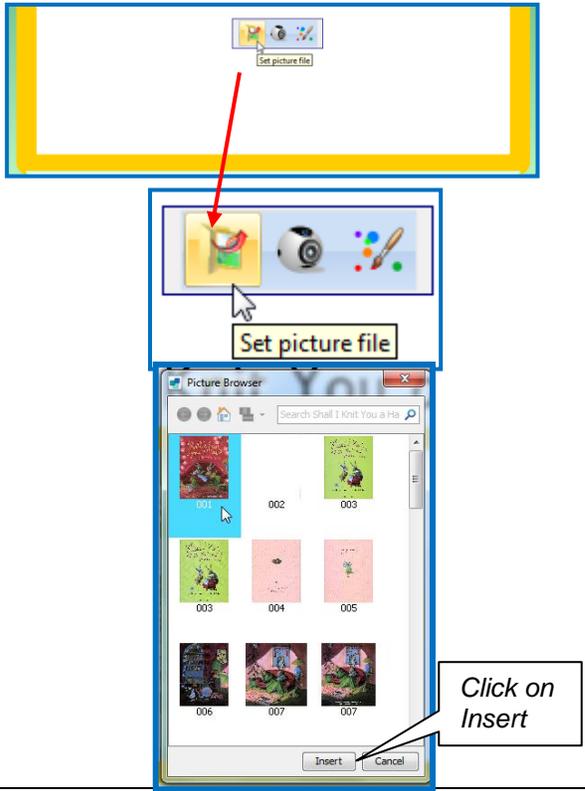
- 2 • Take a few minutes to **explore the Click and Edit toolbar** and jot down your discoveries.



Tool	Function
	
	

The Title Page

1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click in the empty title text box and add the title of the book. In this example my book is called, “Shall I Knit You a Hat?” • Click the empty author text box and add the author of the book. 	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click the empty picture cell. • Use the Set picture file tool (folder) to search for your folder of images and have them appear in the picture viewer. <p>*It is easiest to find your images if they are saved on a USB flashdrive or on your computer desktop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate the cover image in the folder. (Be patient! If the folder contains a large number of images it will take awhile to populate the picture viewer.) • Click on the cover image to select it. • Click on Insert. 	

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Record narration:

- Click the recorder tool to access the sound recorder.
- Click the record button to begin recording.
- Click the stop button to end the recording.
- Click the play button to hear the recording.

If you are satisfied with the recording:

- Click OK.

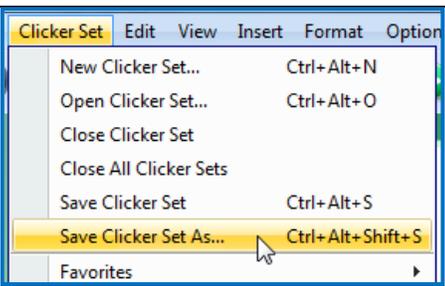


Think about whom you would like to record the narration?
Implementation Tip: You might want to save the Accessible Book as a copy for each student. Students can re-record narration on each page as they are ready.

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Save your work:

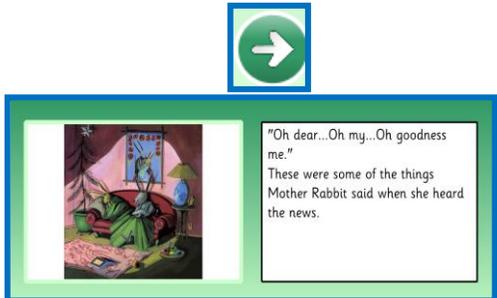
- In the top menu, **select** Clicker Set and from the context menu, **click on Save Clicker Set As...**
- **Browse** to a location for saving and save your Clicker set with the title of the book. Remember to save often!

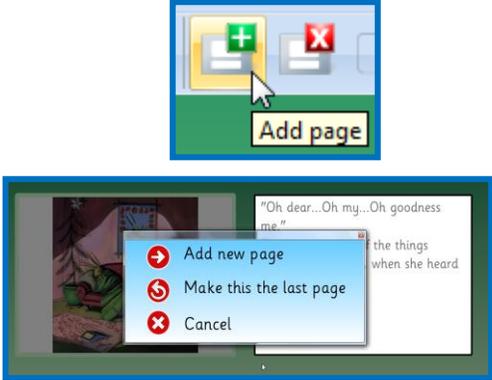


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Begin adding the page images and text:

- Click the next page cell to move to the first page of the book.
- Follow the above procedures to add page image, page text and page narration.



<p>6</p>	<p>You will soon run out of available pages for your book.</p> <p>Adding a new page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the Add a page tool on the toolbar to add another page for your book. • Choose Add new page from the menu. • Follow the above procedure to add page image and book text. 	
<p>7</p>	<p>The last page:</p> <p>When you reach the end of the book,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select the Make this the last page option from the Add a page window. <p>This page will have a return cell to move to the beginning of the book.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>It is time to preview the accessible book. You will need to close the <i>Click and Edit toolbar</i>. When the students want to read the accessible book, they will need the toolbar closed. If they want to record narration, they will need the toolbar opened.</p> <p>Close the Click and Edit toolbar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click the Close toolbar tool. • Use the listen and read tools to check the book. <p>If you need to make adjustments to any text, pictures or recordings open the toolbar again.</p> <p>To open the toolbar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the Open Toolbar button located on the bottom right of the Clicker set. <p>You are finished</p>	 