

Tobii VS Communicator (v4.7.4)

Writing with Tobii Communicator 4

Introduction

Tobii VS Communicator 4 software is used on in the Tobii C8, C12 and C15 communication devices which are integrated within a Windows tablet computer. This software can also be loaded on other PC tablets. Using communication software on a tablet allows you to run other computer programs as well as the communication software. In this demonstration you will learn how to use Kurzweil 3000 to read text and questions and then navigate to Communicator to create an answer and send it to a question worksheet. This allows a student with limited typing or spelling skills to complete the same tasks as classmates.

This tutorial assumes the reader has...

- Tobii Communicator software on a PC tablet computer, and is familiar with it.
- Kurzweil 3000 on the same tablet machine and has some familiarity with opening the program, navigating to documents, creating a fill-in-the-blank document and reading text.

Learning Objectives

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

- Creating text in Communicator software and sending it to Kurzweil 3000

Case Study

Braden is a 12 year old student with autism. He is non-verbal and uses a PC tablet with Tobii VS Communicator and the Picture WordPower No Keyboard pageset to communicate. He is able to communicate in short grammatically correct sentences. He has poor fine motor control and experiences extreme frustration when attempting to write with paper and pencil. He is very slow at typing as his spelling skills are very weak. Presently he answers questions using Communicator and his educational assistant scribes his answers for him onto worksheets. He has Kurzweil 3000 on his tablet and has learned to complete worksheets using the drag and drop function. His objective is to independently write short sentence answers to questions to complete worksheets across subject areas, 4 out of 5 consecutive probes.

Launch Communicator and Kurzweil 3000

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Start with both Kurzweil 3000 and Communicator open:

- First, **Launch** Communicator (WordPower pageset).
- Next, **Launch** Kurzweil 3000.

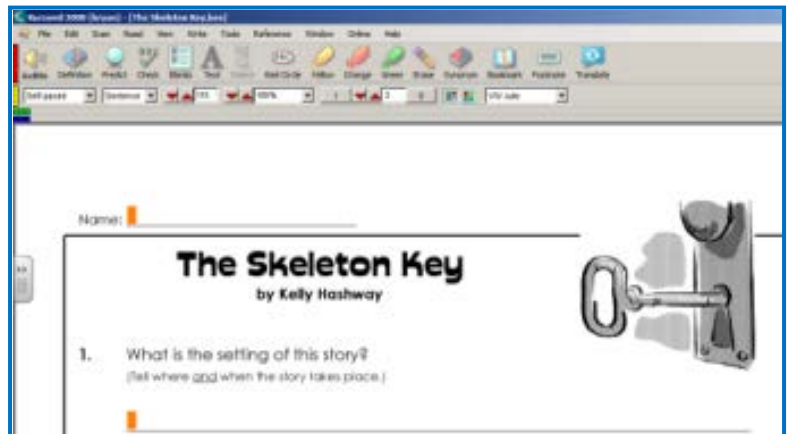
The Communicator software will automatically be minimized to the task tray at the bottom of your window when you open the second program.



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Open the worksheet you wish to complete in Kurzweil:

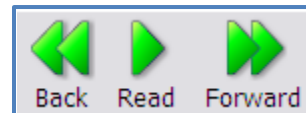
- **Click** the Open tool on the menu bar.
- **Browse** to the worksheet.
- **Double-click** to open it.
- **Click** on the Fill-in-the-blanks tool to create insertion points.



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To read a question on the worksheet:

- **Place** your cursor on the question that you would like to read.
- **Click** the read tool on the Kurzweil toolbar



Answer the Question

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The Communicator software is minimized in the task tray of your computer.

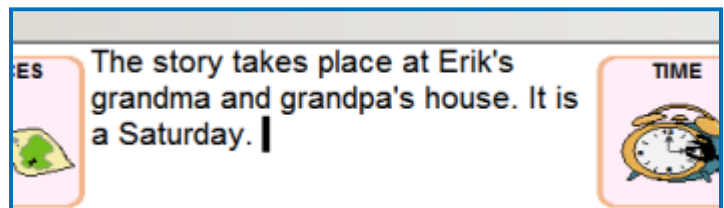
- Click on the Communicator icon in the task tray to maximize it.

This minimizes Kurzweil to the task tray. It will open spontaneously when you select Computer Access later in this process.



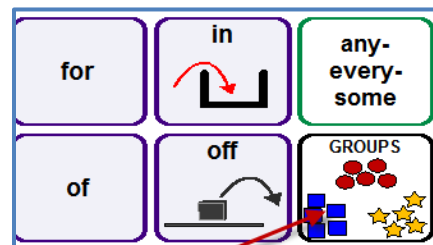
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- **Formulate** your answer.



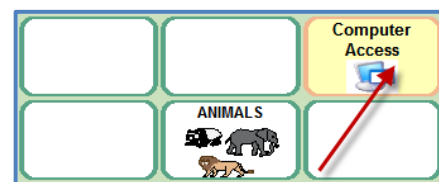
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- **Select** the Groups button from the main page.


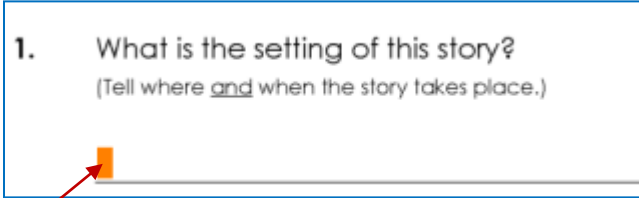

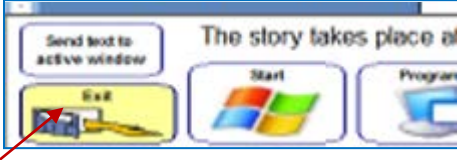
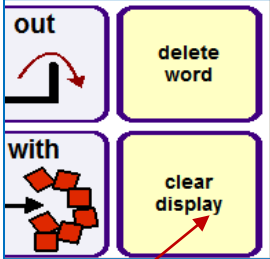


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- **Select** the Computer Access button from the Groups page.



Send the Answer to Kurzweil

1	<p>The Kurzweil program opens to where you previously left off with this program, with a Communicator taskbar at the bottom of the screen. Note the text from your message window is at the top of this screen ready for sending.</p>	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place your cursor where you wish the text to be inserted. 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Send text to active window. <p>Your text will be sent to the Kurzweil worksheet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read your next question and think of your answer. 	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select the Exit button in the Communicator taskbar to return to the full Communicator screen. 	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear your message. • Repeat the process. 	



Quick Tip

This same process can be used with word processors, presentation software such as PowerPoint or a variety of other computer software programs where you type input. Launch the other program you wish to write in with Communicator running. Navigate to Communicator to formulate your text and then send it to the other program from the Computer Access button on the Groups page. Clear the message in Communicator and repeat.