SET
British Columbia

Clicker 5 (Windows)

Lesson 4: Writing with Clicker 5 Word Banks

Introduction

Writing is a challenging curricular component for many students. Writing should be entertaining but for students who struggle with the writing process, any writing task big or small can become frustrating. Word walls are used widely in elementary classrooms to assist students with the writing process.

Clicker 5 has word bank templates that range from 9 cells to 24 cells in size. The cells are blank and can be populated from brainstorming words that relate to a topic. Once the cells have been populated, the students can use the words listed in the word bank to build sentences. Word banks can be pre-made for students or they can be created as a whole group.

The word banks in Clicker 5 can be populated quickly and allow for immediate student participation. Sentences are constructed from these words. The word bank is an easy way for students to participate in class writing assignments, removing the frustration of spelling as whole words are sent to the writer.

This lesson will provide the necessary skills for using Clicker 5 tools to write sentences independently and allow the student(s) an opportunity to become a writer.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this lesson:

- students will build sentences about a given topic using pre-programmed word banks
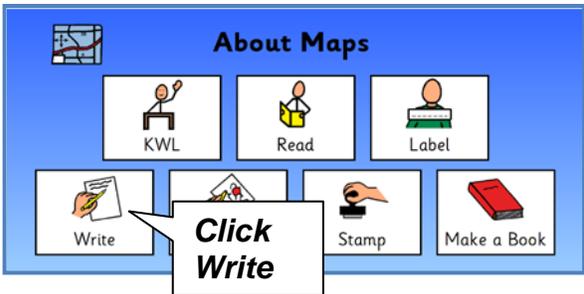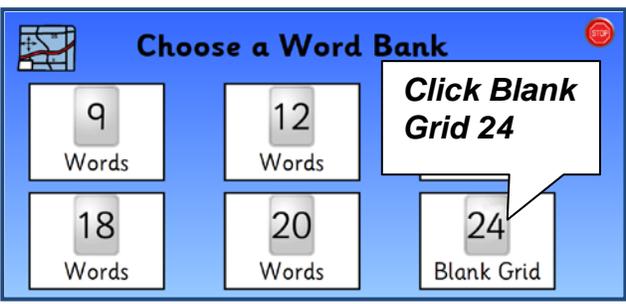- students will publish a piece of writing

Materials and Resources

- Clicker 5
- Clicker 5 unit (e.g. Maps_Unit.clkx)

Teacher Preparation

1. Determine the Windows computers to be used during the lesson, and ensure Clicker 5 is installed.
2. Set up projection system to project the Clicker 5 activity.
3. Save the Clicker 5 unit that will be used during the lesson to your computer desktop (e.g. Maps_Unit.clkx).

Student Guided Practice

	Building Sentences with Clicker 5 Word Banks	
1	Prior to students working with the individual word banks, the following steps need to be demonstrated by the teacher. Once the teacher has demonstrated the activity the students will choose a word bank at their ability level. This may or may not require SEA or peer tutor support.	
	To complete this activity, first open the appropriate Clicker 5 unit (e.g. Maps_Unit.clkx) from "Clicker 5 Units" on the Learning Centre web page. The unit will open at a home screen with buttons linking to each of the unit lessons. For this lesson you will be working with the "Write" activity. To open the activity. • **Click** the **Write** button.	**Click Write**
2	When you open the activity you will see a home grid of various word banks. To complete the whole class brainstorm/demonstration activity you will open the blank grid so that you can populate the cells with the student's suggestions. To open the blank word bank. • **Click** to select **24 – Blank Grid**	**Click Blank Grid 24**
3	With the 24 Blank Grid open, brainstorm words with the class that relate to the topic. Demonstrate adding the words in the grid cells. To add words to the cells. • Hold **Shift,** and **Left Click**, then **type** to add text to grid cells	**Shift-Click and type** **Shift-Click**
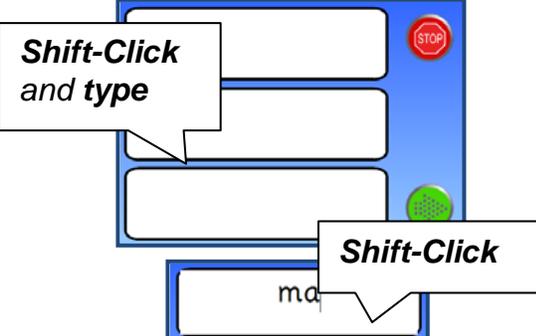
When you are finished demonstrating how to populate the Word Banks with the students, invite them to the projected computer to write sentences using the newly programmed grid.

This is a good time to demonstrate to students how to hear unknown words and how to listen to a sentence.
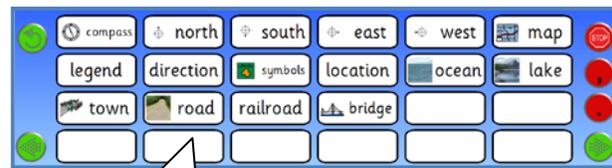
To begin writing.
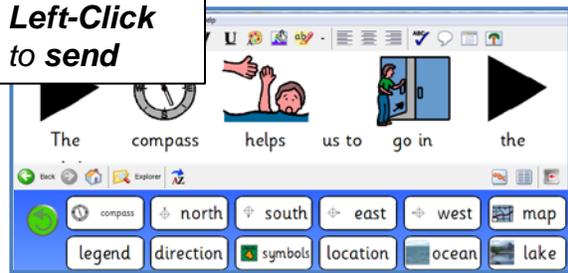- **Left-Click** cells to send words to **Clicker Writer**.

Students can listen to unknown words as they are working with the grid-set.

To listen to the words.
- **Right-Click** on **grid cells** to hear the cell text out-loud.
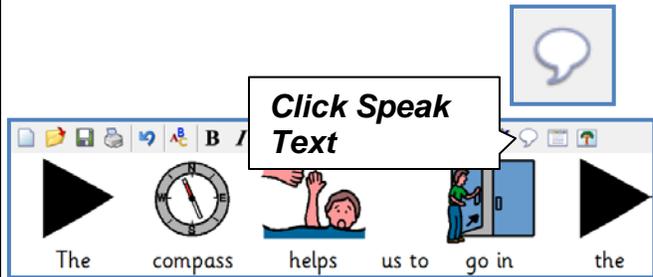
Left-Click to send

Right-Click to hear spoken out-loud

Students can listen to the sentences out-loud as they work.

To listen to the sentences.
- **Click** the **Speak Text** button to listen to sentences in Clicker Writer.
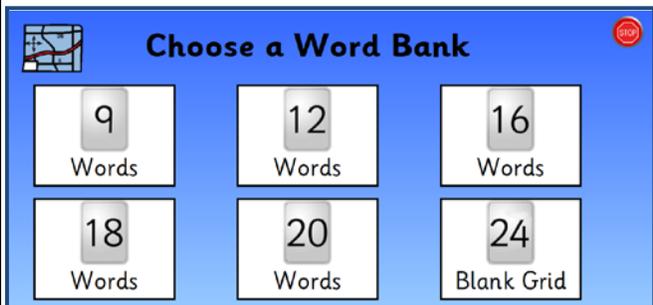
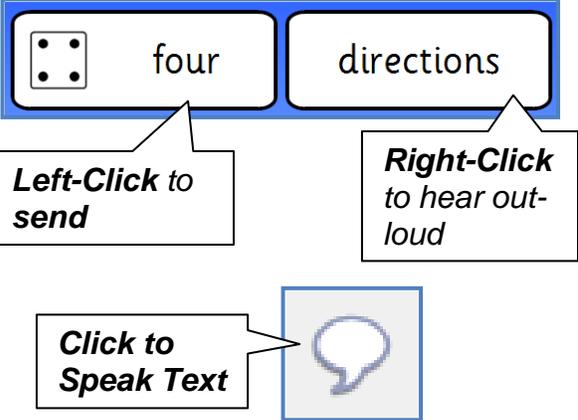*Click Speak Text*

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Next, it is the students turn to do some writing. Six word banks have been provided for students to choose from.

To open the word banks.
- **Click** to select the **button** with the appropriate number

Please note: Choose a Word Bank based on individual student's writing abilities. The 9, 12, 16, 18 and 20 word banks have been pre-populated. A 24 Blank Word Bank has been added for students who are more independent

Choose a Word Bank

9 Words   12 Words   16 Words

18 Words   20 Words   24 Blank Grid

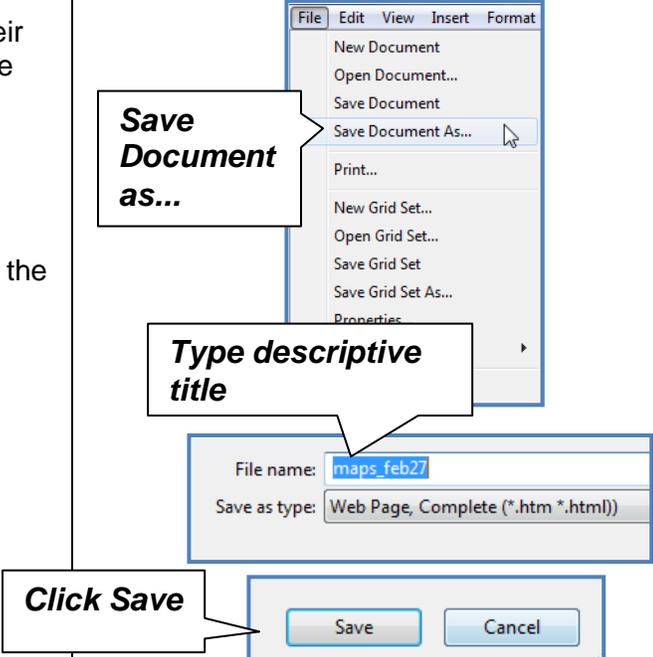|		
	writers and able to populate a word bank by themselves.	
5	Once the word bank has been selected and opened, students can now use these words to write sentences. To write using the word bank. • **Click** on **grid cells** to hear the cell text out-loud. • **Click** the **Speak Text** button to listen to sentences in Clicker Writer. • **Left-Click** on **grid cells** to send the cell text to Clicker Writer.	four directions *Left-Click to send* *Right-Click to hear out-loud* *Click to Speak Text*
6	Have the students share their sentences as a group (note: this can be done as a peer to peer activity with students moving around room or full class with students' going up to the projector computer). To hear sentences in Clicker Writer. • **Click** the **Speak Text** button to read the document.	*Click to Speak Text*
7	You may want the class to save their work. Demonstrate how to save the Clicker 5 Writer documents. To save the documents. • **Click File**, and then **Save Document As…** • Add a **descriptive title** (i.e. the date of the assignment) • **Click** the **Save** button.	File Edit View Insert Format New Document Open Document... Save Document *Save Document as...* Save Document As... Print... New Grid Set... Open Grid Set... Save Grid Set Save Grid Set As... Properties *Type descriptive title* File name: maps_feb27 Save as type: Web Page, Complete (*.htm *.html)) *Click Save* Save Cancel
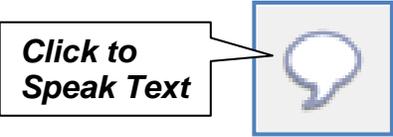
8	You may want the class to print their work. Demonstrate how to print a Clicker 5 document. To print the documents. • **Click** to open the **File** menu and select **Print** • Ensure that **Print: Writer Document** is selected. • **Click** the **Print** button	*Click Print* *Select Writer Document* *Click Print*