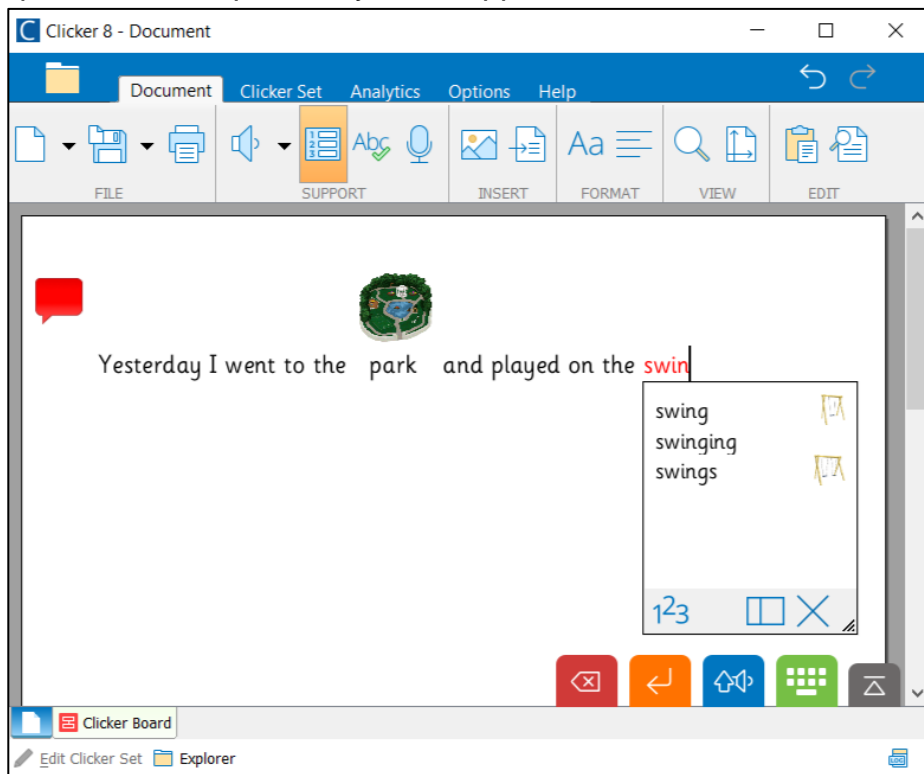# What can Clicker 8 do?

1. What is Clicker 8?

Clicker 8 is a software used to enable pupils with literacy and/or physical difficulties to access all areas of the curriculum. Clicker 8 is made up of two main elements, which work alongside each other: Clicker Documents and Clicker Sets, as well as a number of other features that are all outlined below.
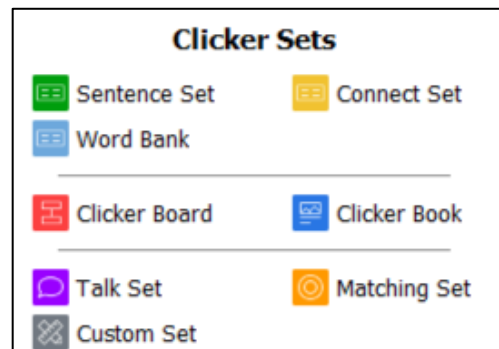
2. Clicker Documents

At the heart of Clicker sits a child-friendly word processor. Here you can record written text, as well as use additional support including speech feedback, voice notes, word prediction, spell check and picture/symbol support.
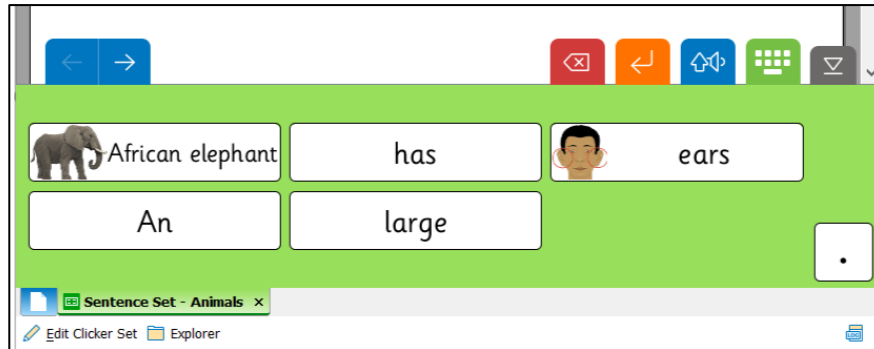

3. Clicker Sets

These are tools that can be created and custom-made to further support a pupil with their literacy, speaking, listening and reading.

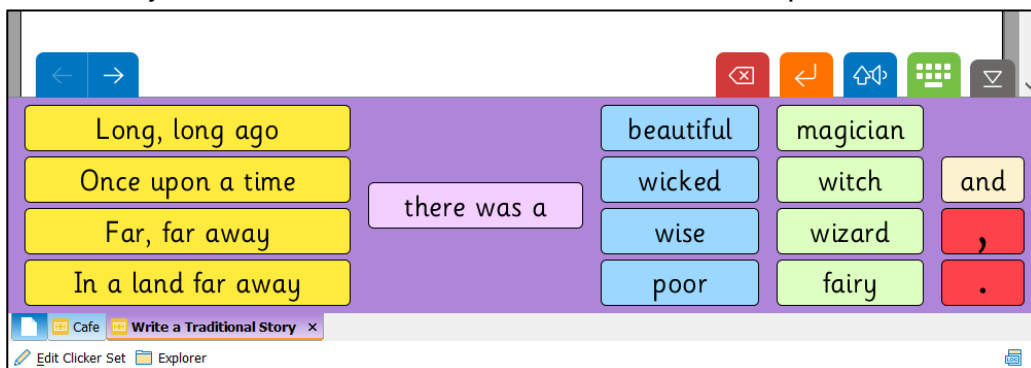There are several different Clicker types, each with their own purpose.

3.1 Sentence Set

A Sentence Set can help all children get started with writing independently. You can create one or more simple sentences, with each sentence appearing on a separate grid. First, you compose the sentences, ideally using vocabulary from the pupil, and then you adapt the level of support needed for the pupil to write the sentences themselves.
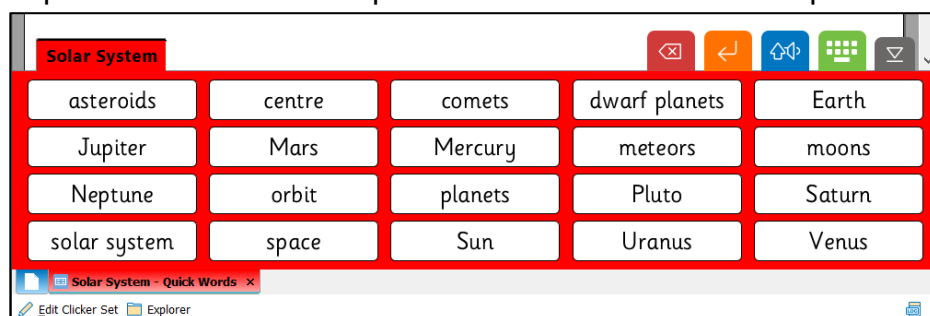

3.2 Connect Set

A Connect Set is a supportive grid to help pupils towards independent writing. Pupils are provided with clusters of pre-selected words, phrases and/or images so that they can have the freedom to build an extended piece of text.
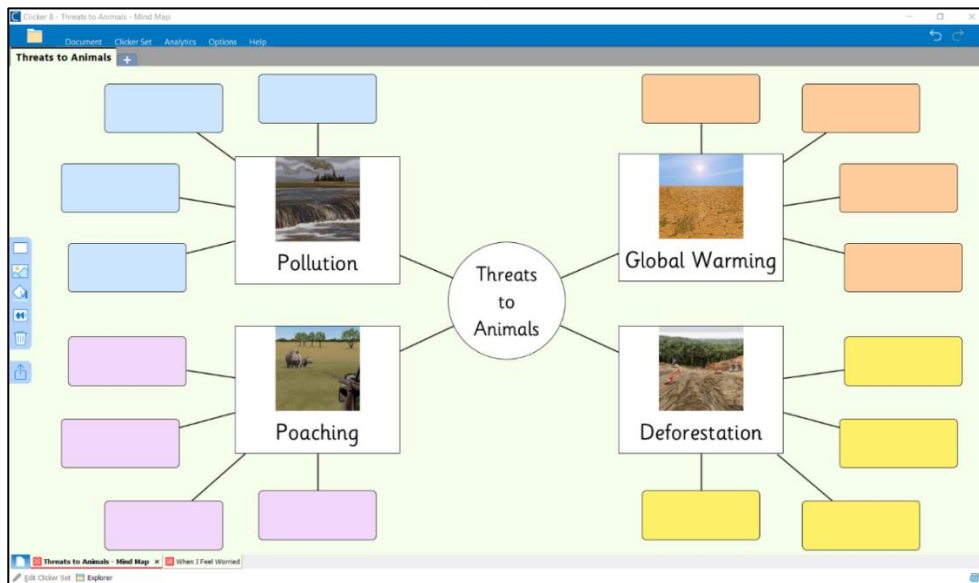

3.3 Word Bank

Word Banks help children who are ready to use a keyboard, but may need more support with more difficult vocabulary. A Word Bank is a pre-made store of topic words, which can support pupils with word-finding and expanding word choices. The word prediction tool will also prioritise words that are in an open Word Bank.
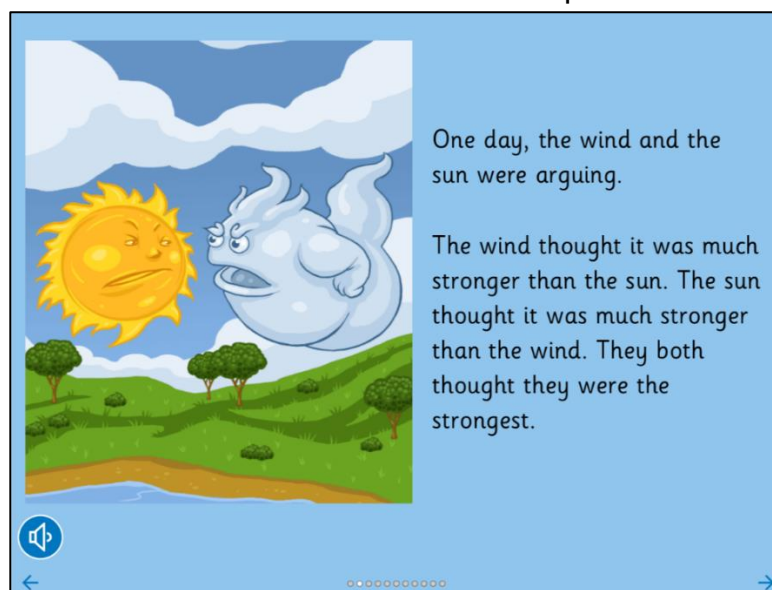
3.4 Clicker Board

Clicker Boards provide pupils with a built-in planning and mind-mapping tool. Here pupils can combine text, images and sounds to plan written work. It can help them to: understand links between concepts, expand descriptive vocabulary, and complete matching/grouping activities.

Clicker Boards can either be pre-prepared or created alongside the pupil. The Clicker Board can be inserted into the Document and used as a writing prompt. Alternatively, a Clicker Board can be used to easily create a Word Bank, which can then be used to provide a writing scaffold.

3.5 Clicker Book

A Clicker Book combines text, images and sound to create a book. They can be created alongside a pupil or a group, or in advance to support the pupil with their work. Clicker Books can be used on-screen or in print format.
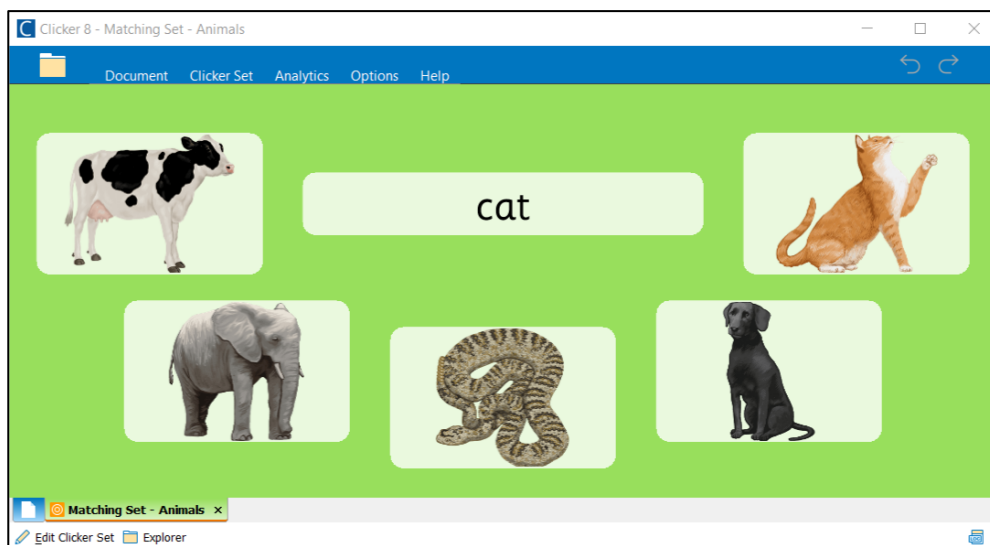
3.6 Talk Set

Talk Sets are a powerful tool to help develop speaking skills, and can be useful for pupils who find it more difficult to express themselves in written form. By using pictures and symbols, you can create a number of different activities, including 'Listen & Say', 'Talk About' and 'Tell the Story'.
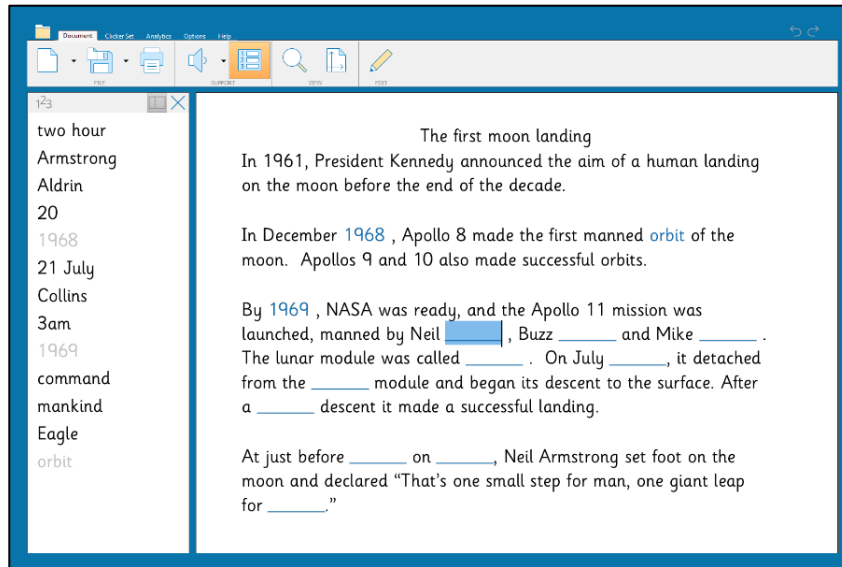

3.7 Matching Set

Matching Sets are a great way to support emergent readers, develop language acquisition skills and to reinforce subject knowledge. A range of activities can be created where the pupil has to select a cell from a number of choices to match a 'target' item, using a combination of pictures, words and sounds.
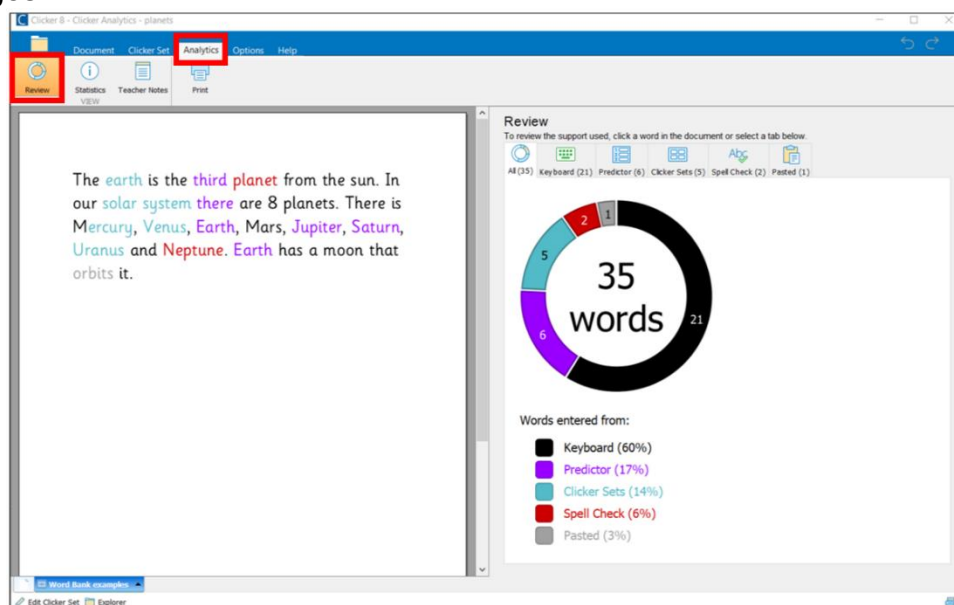
4. Cloze Document

A Cloze Document allows teachers and carers to quickly create a 'fill the blank' activity, based on a piece of text with key information removed. This can be used to develop grammar, as well as assess topic comprehension, reading skills and ability to use semantic and contextual clues to reconstruct a piece of text. It can either be completed on-screen, or printed off to use as a paper worksheet.
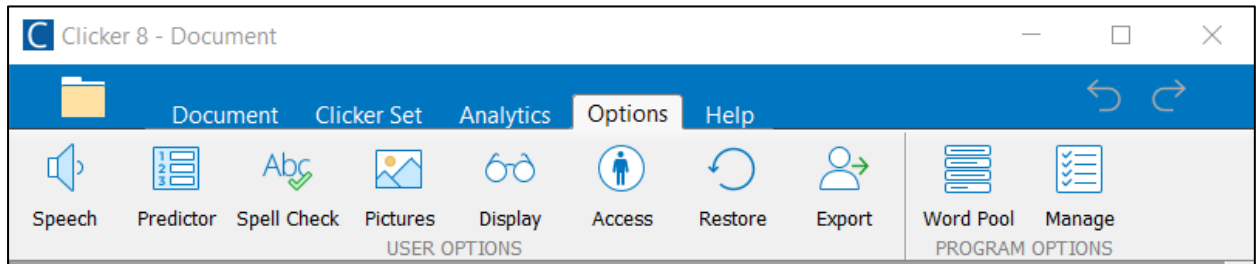

5. Clicker Analytics

The Analytics tool records and gives an insight into each pupil's writing process. It shows how the writing task was completed, with detailed information about the tools that were used, such Clicker Sets and word prediction. This means that you can make informed decisions about the level of support each pupil needs, what differentiation is needed for tasks, and whether they are ready to progress to new activities and challenges.
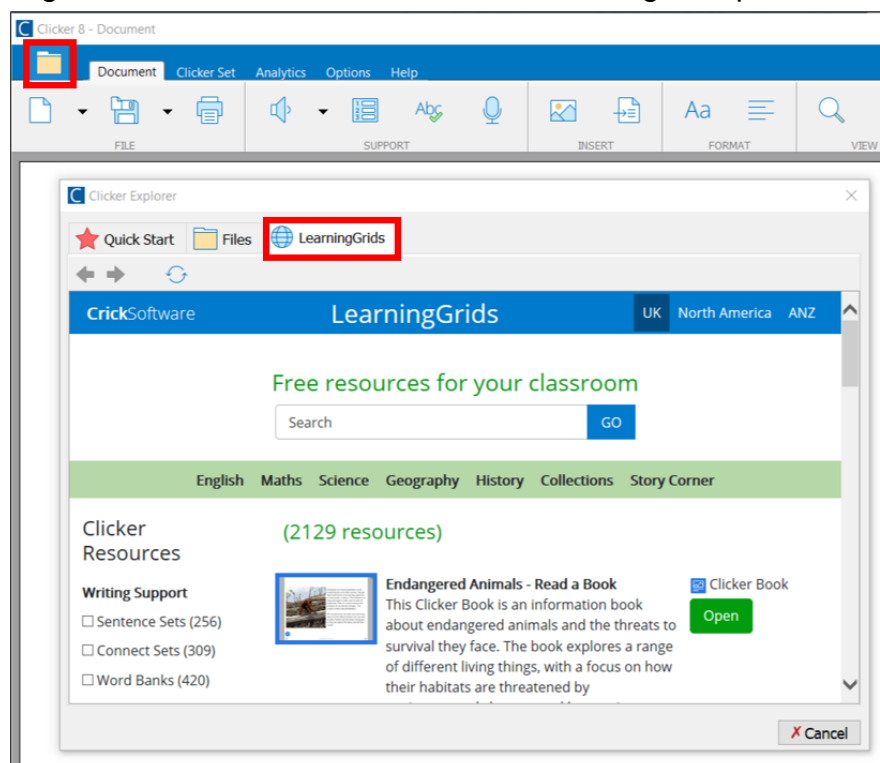
6. Options

Along the top Clicker ribbon, there is an 'Options' tab. This is where you can change preferences about how Clicker works, so that it is most useful and beneficial to the user.

7. Learning Grids

Learning Grids is an online store of free ready-made Clicker resources, available to all Clicker users. They can be used and saved as they are, or can be edited in order to meet individual needs. Before creating a Clicker Set from scratch, it can be useful to search Learning Grids first in order to save time, but also get inspiration.

8. What are Clicker Apps?

Clicker 8 is for use on your Windows or Mac computer, whereas Clicker Apps are for use on your iPad or Chromebook. These currently include Clicker Writer, Clicker Books and Clicker Talk. They do not yet include Clicker Boards, Cloze Documents, Matching Sets and Analytics. For more information, please see:
https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/training/clicker-training/tutorials/clicker-apps

9. Further Support

Training videos can be accessed via the following website, on all of the above Clicker 8 features: https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/training/clicker-training/tutorials/clicker-8

The AT Team also provides regular group training sessions on Clicker 8. Details of up-coming training and how to book can be found through the following website and searching for 'Clicker': https://oxfordshireschoolscpd.org.uk/cpd/default.asp