

Clicker (Win/Mac) v.6

Creating a set of Sentence Starters to Use with Word Banks

Introduction

Sentence starters are widely used by teachers to support writing, especially for students who have difficulty getting started with their writing. This tutorial shows you how to create a set of sentence starters in Clicker to use on its own or with a word or picture bank.

This tutorial assumes...

- Basic computer skills.
- You have already created a Word or Picture Bank.
- You know how to use a Clicker grid once it's made.

Learning Objectives

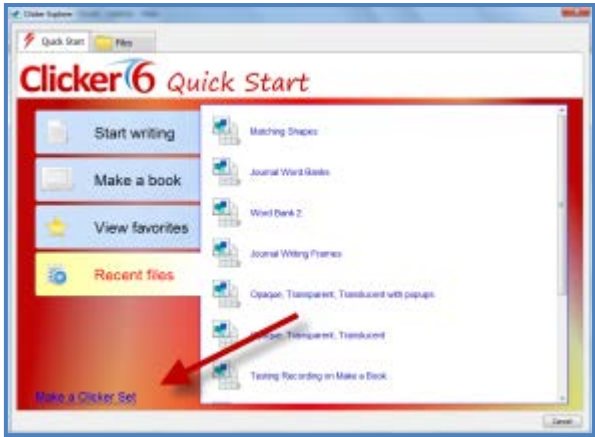
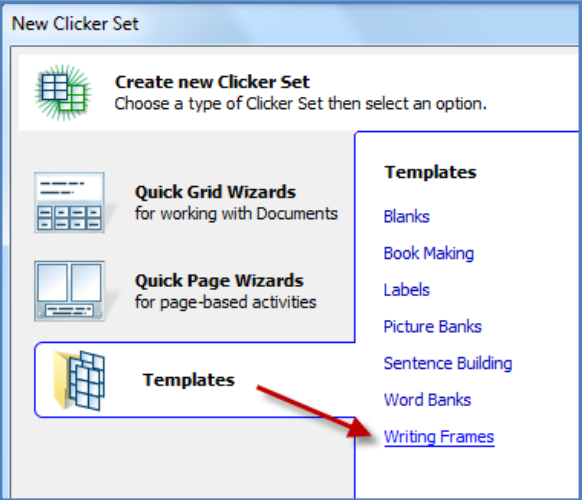
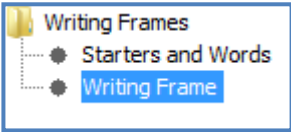
Completion of this tutorial will give you experience with the following:

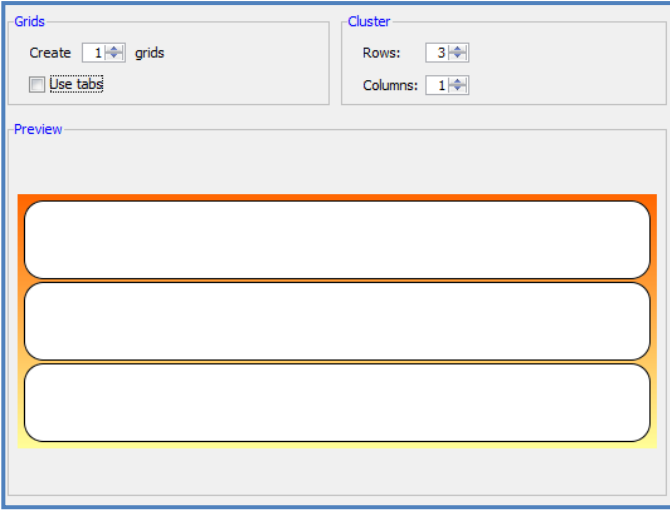


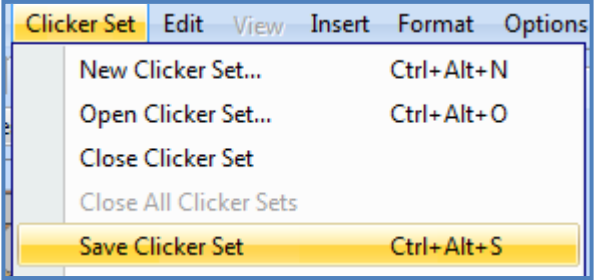
- Creating a new Sentence Starter grid.
- Editing the grid to add the sentence starters
- Using the Sentence Starter grid along with a picture or word bank previously created.
- Adding grids to Favorites to make them easier to access.

Case Study

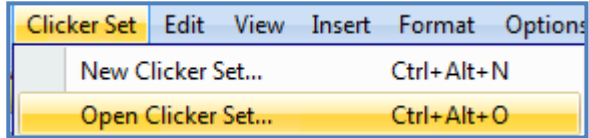

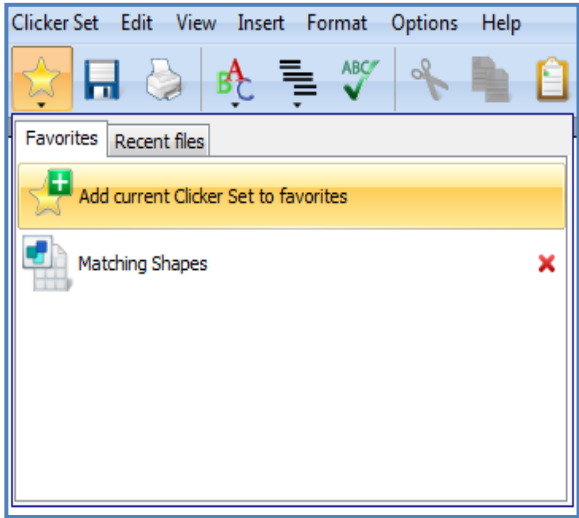
John is a high school student with intellectual challenges in a resource room setting. Several times a week the students complete a journal. In order to help John write a journal, the teacher has created a Picture Bank in Clicker6 of John's favourite activities that he might want to write about. However, the picture bank alone does not provide enough writing support and the teaching assistant has to type the first few words of a sentence after which John chooses the appropriate symbol. The teacher feels that using Sentence Starters together with the Picture Bank will help John write his journal independently.

Create a Sentence Starter Activity

1	<p>To create a new Sentence Starter Activity using the Clicker6 Quick Wizard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch Clicker6 • From the Quick Start screen, choose Make a Clicker Set. <p>Tip: From any Clicker6 document, you can also choose Clicker Set, New Clicker Set from the top menu.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the Clicker6 Quick Start window. On the left, there is a sidebar with buttons: 'Start writing', 'Make a book', 'View favorites', and 'Recent files'. The 'Make a Clicker Set' button at the bottom of this sidebar is highlighted with a red arrow. The main area on the right displays various templates like 'Matching Strips', 'Journal Word Banks', 'Word Bank Z', 'Journal Writing Frames', 'Opaque, Transparent, Translucent with puppets', 'Opaque, Transparent, Translucent', and 'Testing Recording on Make a Book'.</p>
2	<p>From the Templates list, choose Writing Frames.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'New Clicker Set' dialog box. It has a title bar 'New Clicker Set' and a subtitle 'Create new Clicker Set Choose a type of Clicker Set then select an option.' There are three main sections: 'Quick Grid Wizards for working with Documents', 'Quick Page Wizards for page-based activities', and 'Templates'. The 'Templates' section is highlighted with a red arrow. A list of templates is shown on the right: 'Blanks', 'Book Making', 'Labels', 'Picture Banks', 'Sentence Building', 'Word Banks', and 'Writing Frames'. 'Writing Frames' is highlighted with a red arrow.</p>
3	<p>Clicker automatically selects Starters and Words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on Writing Frame instead as all we want are the sentence starters. 	 <p>The screenshot shows the 'Writing Frames' dialog box. It has a title bar 'Writing Frames' and a list of options: 'Starters and Words' and 'Writing Frame'. 'Writing Frame' is highlighted with a blue selection box.</p>

4	<p>On the right-hand side of the screen, use the arrow keys to choose the number grids you would like to create and the number of rows and columns you would like in each grid.</p>	
5	<p>Click Create.</p>	
6	<p>Clicker creates a blank grid. To edit the sentence starters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold down the Shift Key • Left-mouse click in the Sentence Frame • Type your sentence starters • Click Enter. 	
7	<p>Don't forget to save your grid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Clicker Set in the top menu, choose Save Clicker Set. • Give your new grid a name such as Journal Writing Frames or Journal Sentence Starters • Click Save 	

Using your Sentence Starters with another Grid

1	<p>You can now use your Journal Writing Frames grid on its own or together with one or more other grids. To open a word or picture bank to use with your sentence starters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose Clicker Set, Open Clicker Set from the top menu • Locate the picture or word bank you want to open • Double-click to open 	
2	<p>On the bottom left of your screen you will now see tabs for all of the open grids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click the tab to switch between grids. 	
3	<p>To make your grids even easier to use, add them both to Favorites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With one of the grids open, click on the star icon in the top toolbar • Click Add current Clicker Set to Favorites • Click the X to remove items from Favorites (this does not delete the grid but only removes it from the Favorites list) 	

Now when the student is ready to write, it will be easy to work more independently:

- **Click** the star icon in the top toolbar
- **Click** each word bank to open it.

