

## Clicker 8

# How to Adapt Spell Check and Word Pool Options to Support Emergent Writers

*(Options > Spell Check; Options > Word Pool)*

### Introduction

In this tutorial you will learn how to make customizations to the Spell Check Options to personalize learning for individual students. This will assist the student to overcome the barriers that they experience with writing activities and assignments/reports.

To adjust the Spell Check Options, open Clicker 8 and select Options in the top menu. From the list of options, click on the Spell Check icon to your left.

### Learning Objectives

Completion of this tutorial will give you experience with:

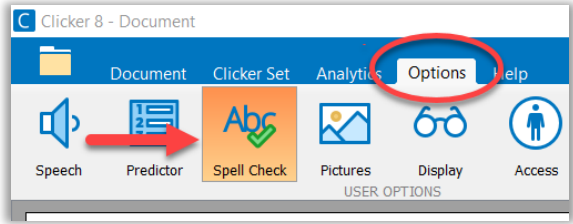
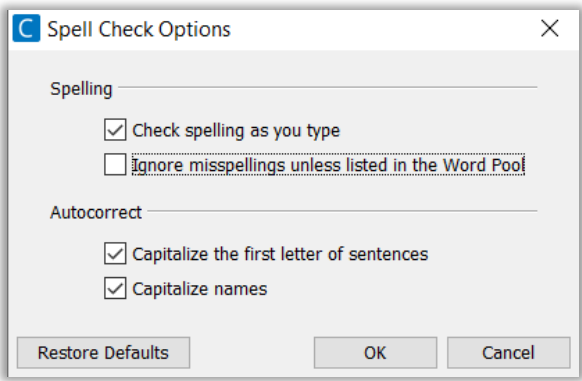
- Customizing document preferences to personalize spell check options for individual students.
- Adding words with special spellings and pronunciation to the Word Pool.
- Using the Text-to-Speech feature for students to listen to their own work.
- Using the Voice Note feature for students to verbalize their thoughts before writing.

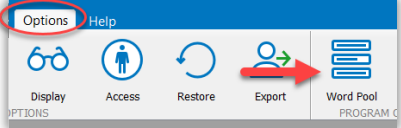
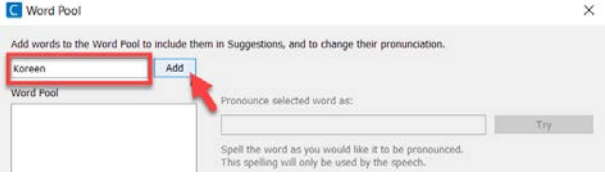
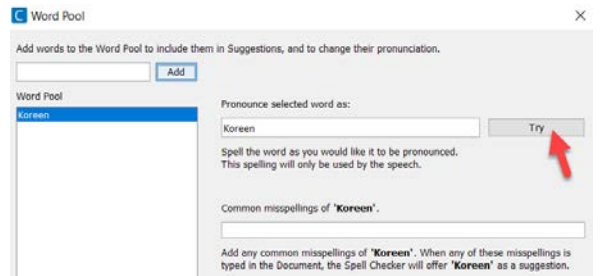



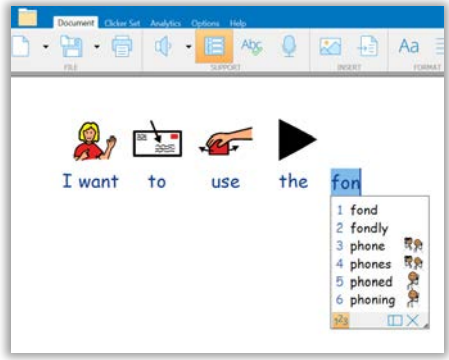
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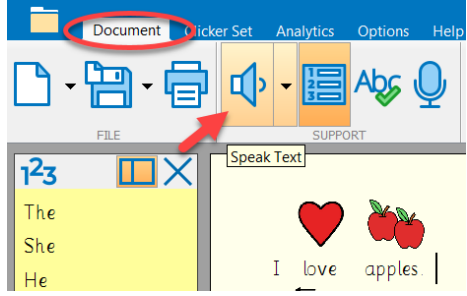

- Clicker 8 installed on a Mac/ PC.
- Experience launching Clicker 8 and opening a document.

### Case Study

Josh is in Grade 2. The school-based team wants him to use Clicker 8 to complete journal writing daily. He is an emergent writer, and has challenges with spelling, capitalization, and reading back what he has written. His school-based team would like him to become an independent writer during journal time.

<p>1</p>	<p>With the document open, click on <b>Options</b> at the top of the screen.</p> <p>Click on the <b>Spell Check</b> icon.</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>For a variety of reasons, many students experience challenges with spelling.</p> <p>Under Spelling, <b>select</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Check spelling as you type</b> - the student receives the visual information (red underline) when words are spelled incorrectly.</li> </ul> <p>Emergent writers may have difficulty knowing when to capitalize sentences or proper nouns.</p> <p>To activate <b>Autocorrect</b>, <b>select</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capitalize the first letter of sentences</b></li> <li>• <b>Capitalize names.</b></li> </ul> <p>The “<b>Ignore misspellings unless listed in the Word Pool</b>” option may be selected to underline the words misspelled in a specified way.</p>	

<p>3</p>	<p>Sometimes, specific words such as names are not recognized by spell check and are underlined by the program. These words can be added to the Word Pool.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the <b>Options</b> tab, select the <b>Word Pool</b> icon.</li> <li>• Type the word in the box on the top left (ex. Koreen) and click <b>Add</b>.</li> <li>• Click <b>Try</b> to test the pronunciation.</li> <li>• <b>Close</b> the window to save the changes.</li> </ul>	   <p>Before and after adding “Koreen” to the Word Pool:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>My name is <u>Koreen</u>.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>My name is Koreen.</p> </div> </div>
<p>4</p>	<p>The <b>Predictor tool</b> makes suggestions words that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• begin with the letters typed,</li> <li>• begin with the phonetic sounds of letters typed,</li> <li>• often follow the previous word.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to the tutorial on How to customize Predictor options for more information.</p>	 

<p>5</p>	<p>To check their own work, students can use the <b>Text-to-Speech</b> feature to listen to what they have written.</p> <p>Click on the <b>Speak Text</b> icon under the Document tab to hear the whole passage.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Some students might be reluctant to write because of various reasons, including the pressure to spell correctly. The <b>Voice Note</b> feature allows students to record their thinking before they put down their thoughts on paper.</p> <p>Under the Document tab, click on the <b>Voice Note</b> icon to record a note. Up to six one-minute Voice Notes can be recorded per document.</p>	

**Tip...**

In addition to the Spell Check and Predictor tool, emergent writers can benefit from using pre-programmed Clicker grids to become more independent when completing writing activities. Sentences can be broken down into words/phrases on individual cell, so that the students can send these words/phrases to the document by clicking on each cell.



Refer to our Twitter page for more examples of Clicker **Sentence Sets** and **Word Banks**:  
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