

Clicker Writer: Word Banks

Introduction

Word Banks are ideal for students who can independently write and only require access to vocabulary to construct a piece of writing. Each Word Bank offers a selection of words and phrases for writers to use in their writing. You can create a Word Bank with a single grid of vocabulary or multiple grids of words and phrases categorized by topics/themes or comprehensive A-Z grids of vocabulary.

Integration Ideas

- Introducing a new topic and vocabulary
- Independent writing
- Creative writing

The screenshot shows the Clicker Writer app interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a folder icon, a back arrow, and a forward arrow. Below this is a document title bar with "Document" and "Clicker Board" tabs. A search bar contains "Daisy's Wish". On the right side of the document title bar, there are icons for help, settings, and a grid icon (highlighted with a red box). Below the document title bar, the writing prompt reads: "One day, Daisy's big sister found a dinosaur's tooth in the attic. |". Below the writing prompt is a word bank grid with the following words and phrases:

afternoon	attic	big sister	bored	clean	dinosaur's tooth
found	little brother	night	pillow	play	someone
strange	thing	under	warm	wish	wondered

At the bottom of the word bank grid, there is a navigation bar with "Characters", "First", "Then", "Next", and "Last" buttons. The "Characters" button is highlighted with a red box.

Task Challenge Activity

1. Launch the **Clicker Writer** app on your iPad and open **LearningGrids** by tapping the **Folder** icon in the top left-hand corner.
2. Tap **LearningGrids** from the menu.
3. From the LearningGrids dialogue box, type a keyword in the search box on top. Try narrowing down your search by filtering age appropriate Word Banks (Hint: check out the left-hand side of the dialogue box) for your students.
4. Open a **Word Bank**.

5. Explore the coloured buttons/icons in the top right-hand corner of the Word Bank.
 - a. What does the **red** button do?
 - b. What does the **orange** button do?
 - c. What does the **blue** button do?
 - d. What does the **green** button do?
6. If the Word Bank you have opened has tabs at the bottom, select each tab to move to different grids.
7. Explore how to edit the Word Bank (Hint: top right-hand corner). Go to the edit mode.
 - a. Try adding at least one more **Grid** to the Word Bank.
 - b. Give the new Grid a name by adding it to the **GRID NAME**.
 - c. Add a few words to the grid by adding words in the box under the **WORDS** section.
 - i. How do you add more than one word in a cell? (Hint: [])
 - d. Explore how the **CELLS** change when you tap:
 - i. Standard
 - ii. Maximize Height
 - iii. 1st Cell Across Top
 - e. Explore the **Order**.
 - i. Alpha (rows)
 - ii. Alpha (columns)
 - iii. Random
 - iv. Fixed
 - f. Explore the **Columns**.
 - i. 1-6
 - ii. Auto
 - g. Where can you see the preview of any changes you have made?
 - i. What happens when you tap each cell on the grid?
 - ii. How do you add a picture to a cell?
 - iii. How do you delete a cell?
 - iv. How do you change the background colour of the grid?
 - h. What do you need to do if you want to apply the same settings to all grids of the Word Bank?
 - i. How do you go back to the Document with the Word Bank? (Hint: Go>)
8. Save the changes. (Hint: Tap the **Clicker Set** icon in the top left-hand corner next to the **Document** icon)
9. How do you create a Word Bank from scratch? (Hint: Tap the **Clicker Set** icon > New Clicker Set > Word Bank)

Where Can I Learn How to Use It?

- [Use a Word Bank \(video\) - Cricksoft](#)

This quick video tutorial shows how to access a Word Bank from opening a pre-made Word Bank from LearningGrids and how the coloured icons on the Word Bank work.

- [Create and edit a Word Bank - Cricksoft](#)

You have access to a video tutorial as well as printable summary of how to create and edit a Word Bank here.

Where Can I Get Ideas on How to Use It with Students?

- [LearningGrids](#)

Check out the LearningGrids resources to get implementation ideas on how to use it with your students.

What If I Want to Know Even More?

- [Clicker Training](#)

Please check out Cricksoft's website and its training support for more information.

- [SET-BC Resources](#)

To find more information on Clicker iOS apps – Clicker Writer, Clicker Talk and Clicker Books – please visit SET-BC Resources.

- [Master Multitasker: Dominic Uses Diverse Tools with Distinction!](#)

Check out this Student Story from SET-BC about a Grade 3 student using Clicker Writer as part of his learning tools for writing activities.