



## Clicker 5 poised to change the way children write

New technologies revolutionize popular writing and creativity tool from Crick Software

Technology has proven to be a forceful ally in motivating students to write. Crick Software is poised to help change the way children write through technology with the release of a brand new version of the award-winning Clicker multimedia software tool.

Appropriate for students from Kindergarten through fifth grade, Clicker 5 has been completely rewritten with the latest technology to support students of all abilities in reading and writing. Version 4 of Clicker is being used in over 40,000 schools worldwide to help children of all abilities to achieve success.

Clicker offers support and reinforcement in whole word recognition, sentence structure and grammar, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Clicker encompasses Clicker Writer – a talking word processor – and Clicker Grids, a point and click writing scaffold that provides students with banks of words, phrases and pictures.

Beyond using Clicker 5 for writing simple documents, children of all ages can harness their imaginative abilities by making multimedia talking books using pictures, sounds and even video. Clicker 5 offers astonishing, easy-to-use new

features that will elicit creativity and motivate all students, including English-language learners and struggling writers.

Clicker 5 incorporates several new technologies that encourage writing by making the tool accessible to all students and easier for both students and teachers to use:

- New, natural speech engine: Through licensing the new Sayso speech technology, Clicker 5 sounds almost human. Words are highlighted on the screen as they are spoken, enabling students to follow the words as they are read aloud.

- New Pop-up Grids: Pop-ups provide hundreds of new kinds of Clicker activities. Pop-up grids hold words, phrases and pictures that can be used to help students to write into a talking book and select pictures for each page.

- Direct access to LearningGrids: On LearningGrids.com, there are literally hundreds of free Clicker Grid sets. Clicker 5 provides direct access to this rich resource from within the program, so that the user never needs to leave Clicker.

Pricing for Clicker 5 starts at \$199 for a single user version, with special pricing available for lab packs and site licenses for multiple users. Clicker 4 users can upgrade at greatly reduced prices.

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