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Clicker Sentences App (version 1.4.7)

Introduction

The Clicker Sentences App is a writing support tool which allows students to create sentences and write in a document using the support grids or the keyboard. Supports include offering model sentences, guided order and some picture supports. As with other Clicker apps, students can use text to speech features in their document to edit their work and in the keyboard to preview words.

Learning Objectives

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

- •   Creating clicker sentences grids.
- •   Using sentence grids to write in a doc.
- •   Selecting of some of the assistive features of clicker sentences

This tutorial assumes:

- •   You have installed Clicker Sentence App on an iPad.
- •   You have opened the Clicker Sentences App.
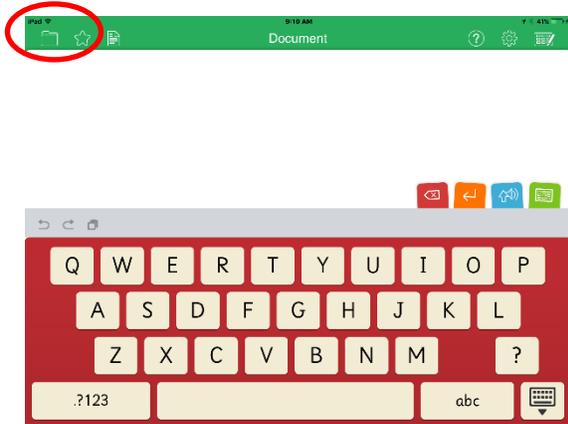
Case Study:

Ms. Byrd has a variety of levels of writers in her Grade 2 class. Some students can write volumes independently while others need support organizing their thinking, spelling, using correct sentence order and even recognizing words. She wants to do a lesson on procedural writing using Clicker sentences that everyone can participate in.

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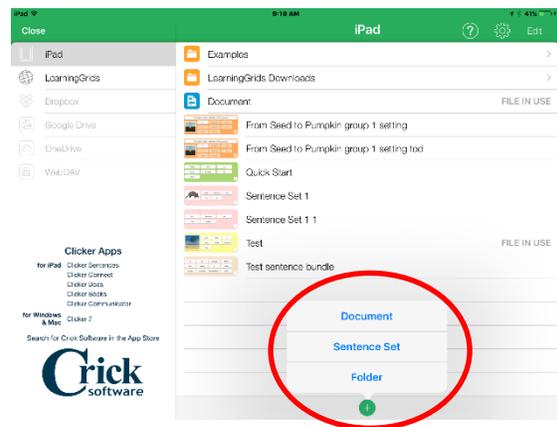## Clicker Sentences

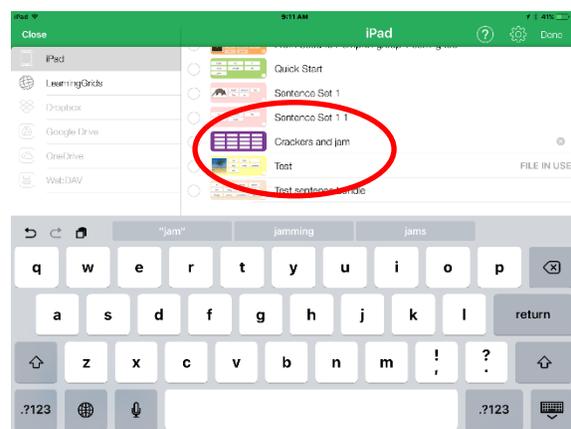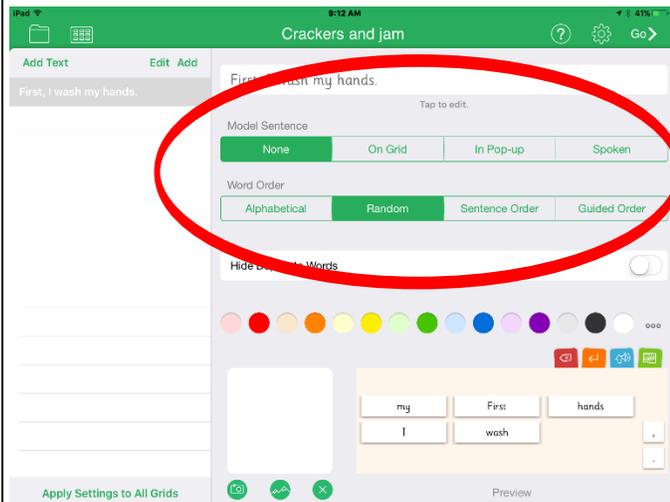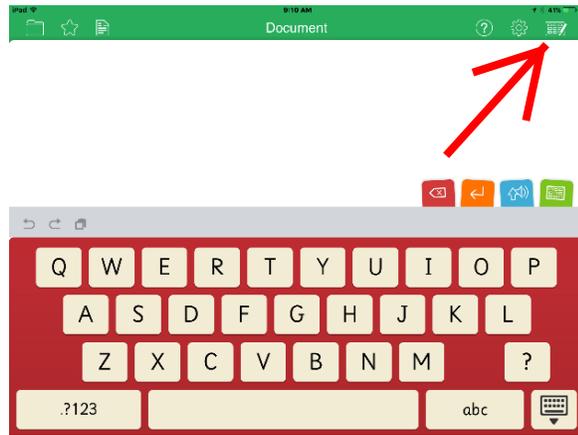|		
1	Once you have opened the Clicker Sentences app, open a new document file. To create a new sentence grid set click on the **file management** icon in the top left corner.	
2	To create a new clicker sentence grid set, click on the **"+"** sign at the bottom of the page, then select **Sentence Set.**	
3	Give your new sentence grid set a name. **Type the name** beside your file using the on screen keyboard. This one is called "Crackers and Jam". When you are finished click **Done.** *remember there is no visible cursor so you may need to backspace or type to see where you are writing.	

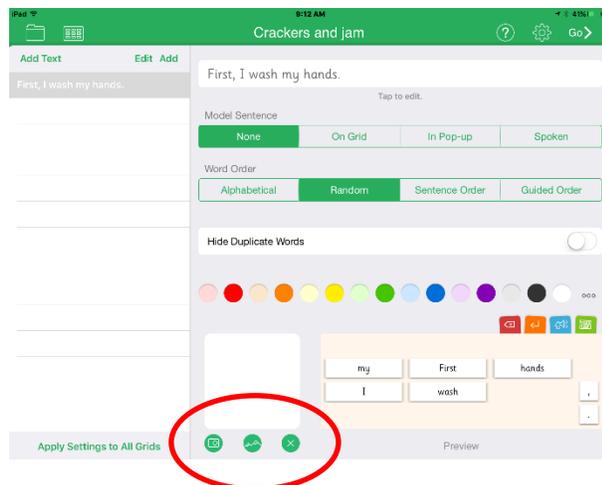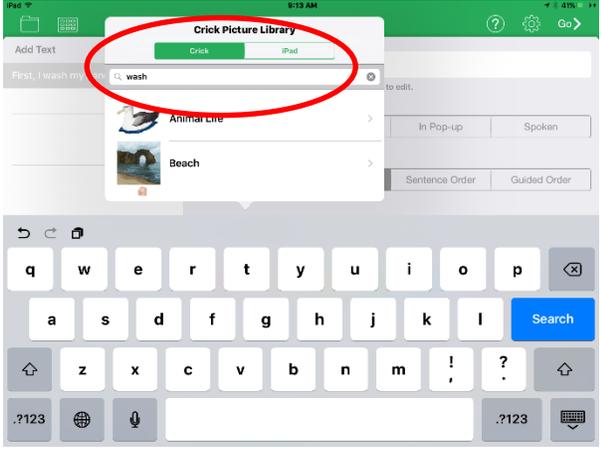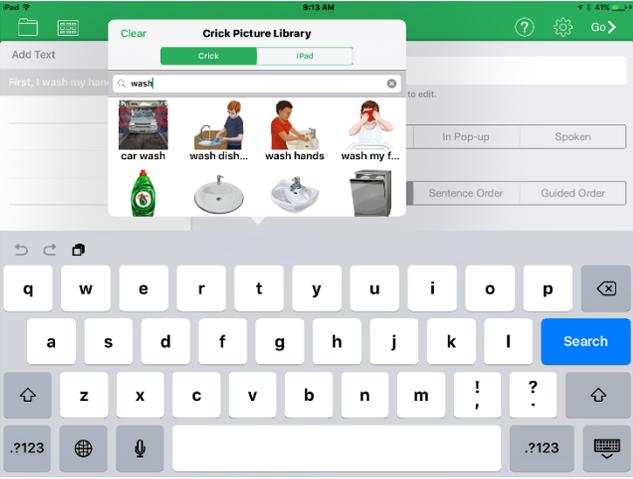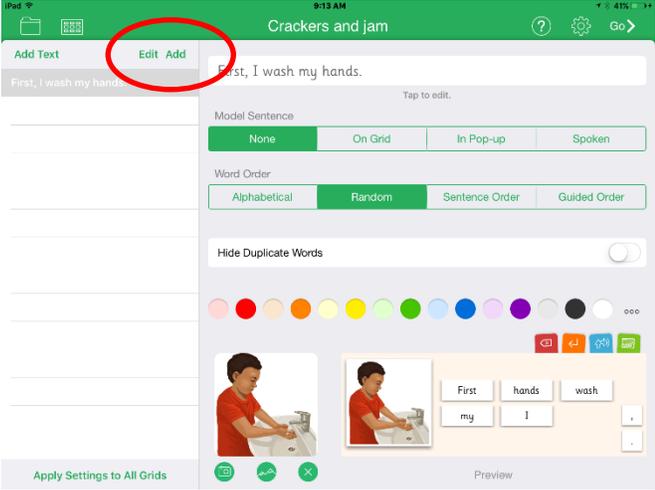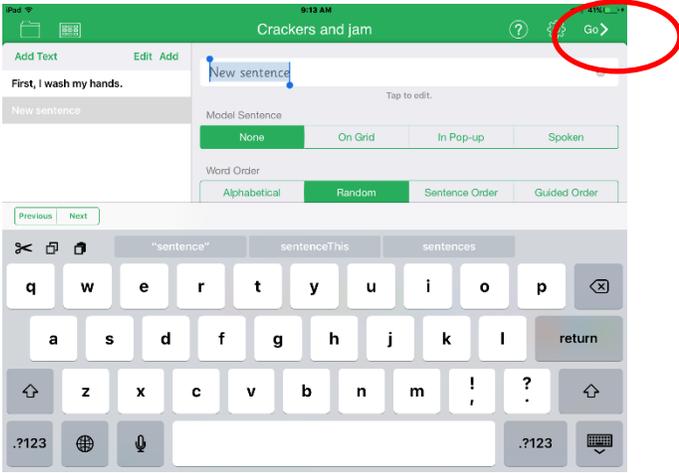|		
4	The grid creation page opens. Tap the **Edit View** icon **Type your sentence** into the box at the top. Select the Model Sentence type: • None – no model • On Grid – sentence sits on the top of the grid • In Pop-up – students activate a pop-up to see. • Spoken – the sentence is read to the students. Select the Word Order type: • Alphabetical • Random • Sentence order – lists words in the order they should appear in the sentence • Guided Order – The words will be highlighted in order while wrong words are in grey.	
5	Add a picture to your grid by clicking on one of the icons at the bottom. The camera button will access your iPad camera. The mountain button will allow you to pick from existing pictures.	

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6	When using existing photos, select the **Mountain icon**. You will need to select a picture from existing files. Camera Roll/Existing photos can be found by clicking **iPad.** Crick Picture Library photos can be found by clicker **Crick.** In the Crick library you can search by title. **Type your keyword** into the search box.	
7	Once you have entered your key word in the search box, pictures will be sorted into the list. **Select the picture** you wish to include on your grid.	
8	Add another sentence to your grid by clicking the **Add** button.	

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9	Repeat the steps in row 4-8 until you have added all the sentences you want. To start writing, click **Go**.	
10	To write a sentence, simply **click on the words** you want to use. You can also **add the picture** to your document.	

💡 Tip…

When working with many iPads, it is easy to share sentence grid sets that you have created by using Airdrop. Make sure the Bluetooth is activated on all the devices and that Airdrop is open to "Everyone". You can find the Airdrop and Bluetooth settings by swiping up from the bottom of the screen.

To send the files to the other iPads, return to the **file menu** as in step 1. Choose **Edit** in the top right corner, **select the file** you wish to share then select **share**. In the new window, you should see icons at the top that represent each of the iDevices in range.   Click them to send. You will need to accept the files as they arrive on the other end on each device.