Support for children with speech or language impairments

Clicker is a great favourite among speech and language professionals as well as special needs teachers. Clicker Sets are perfect for children struggling to acquire language or to express themselves.

Develop listening skills

A range of Clicker Sets can be created within Clicker to help pupils develop their listening skills. You can tie the activities in to any curriculum area by incorporating relevant pictures, words and sounds. Use Matching Sets and Talk Sets for pupils to demonstrate their understanding of key vocabulary and concepts.

Practise speaking skills

Clicker’s sound recorder opens up a range of activities to help children practise speaking in a variety of contexts. Pupils can listen back to what they have recorded, reflect on what they have said and re-record as many times as they like until they are satisfied.

Focus on language structure

Use Sentence Sets to teach and reinforce simple sentence structure. For learners needing additional support, use ‘guided order’ sets where they have to select words in the correct order from left to right. Another powerful way to help pupils internalise language is by providing a model sentence for the pupil to look at and listen to. The model appears in a popup, and although the pupil can open the popup whenever they wish, they can only write words into their own sentence while the popup is closed.
Teach and practise specific language concepts

By using pictures and presenting a set of alternative choices, pupils learn concepts, as for example in this activity where they choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence.

Enable communication

Pupils with little or no speech who need a communication aid, use customised Clicker Grid Sets to communicate. Symbol sets are a great way to provide symbol support. Customise communication grid sets for individual pupils, linking together relevant grids to fit their needs.

Using iPads or Chromebooks? Take a look at Clicker Communicator, the child-friendly AAC app that gives a voice to learners with speech and language difficulties.

To find out more about using Clicker to support pupils with speech or language impairments, get in touch and speak to our team. Call 01604 671691 or email info@cricksoft.com.