



Change Window Shape In Clicker 5®

Are scrollbars showing up in Clicker 5® activities you download from the Attic? Got students who cannot access them and get to all the text? Do some text boxes have text that is out of sight? Here is how to make the scrollbars go away and get all the text to show!

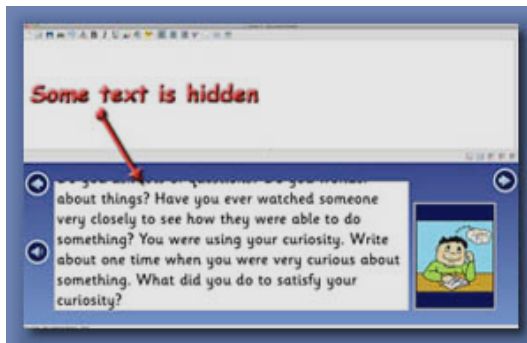
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Activities Start Out Scrollbar Free

When I develop Clicker 5® activities for [Annie's Resource Attic](#), I always keep special needs access in mind. I am aware that it's difficult to access scrollbars using a switch, so when I create the activity, I make sure the text fits on each page without the need for scrollbars. It's a consideration for all students, actually, since you want all the text to show in order to print out the grids.

Proportion Is The Key

Unfortunately, that only applies to the monitor on which I compose the activity. An activity that works just fine on my monitor might break out in scrollbars when you open it, if your monitor is a different size and shape.



Or, if the text box is set for no scrollbars, some of the text might be off the screen, as in this example from the [Inventions](#) activity set. Why? Because not only do monitors differ in size and resolution, they also are not all the same shape. It's the change in proportion that causes the problem.

Luckily, there is a way around this. By adjusting the size and shape of the activity on the screen, you can find a proportion that lets all the text show without the need for scrollbars. Here's how!

Is It Displayed Full Screen?

Probably the activity opens for you at full screen. If so, then the first step is to make the activity resizable on the screen. You can do that by clicking the **Maximize toggle** icon at the top of the window. This makes the activity full screen if it's not already so, or toggles back from full screen to a previous smaller size, with a resize handle. Once you



have the activity displayed at less than full screen, you can change both its size and its shape.

Changing The Size And Shape



First move the activity to the left, upper part of your screen. Grab the resize handle, a little triangle in the lower right corner. Pull on this to enlarge the activity. Notice that you can change the width and height independently.

By experimenting a bit, you can find a shape that lets all the text show without needing scrollbars.

Typically, this will be a shape as tall as your screen but not the full width, like this adjusted screen from [Inventions](#). Once you have adjusted the size and shape, you can move the activity back to the center of the screen, just so you do not change the shape.



This change is not permanent. The size the window opens when you first start Clicker 5® can be set under **Program Management**. Once the window opens at this default size, go ahead and open the activity you want. You can then adjust its size and shape as I've described in this post. I've observed that the next grid set opens to the size and shape of the previous one. This means that if you adjust the size and shape of the first grid set in a group of activities, the others should be okay when they open.