

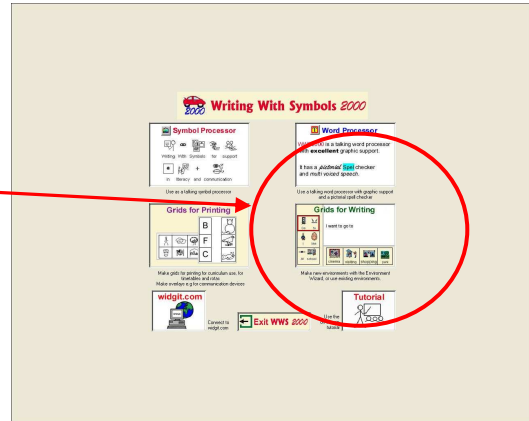
This simple guide will help you when using Writing With Symbols for the first time.

When you first run Writing With Symbols this screen will appear:

This guide will run you through creating a writing grid.

You can create grids with symbols for printing and communication as well as use the symbol word processor.

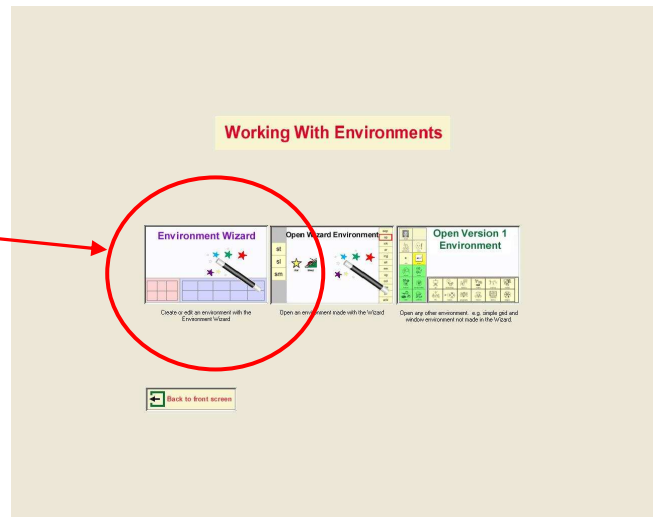
Click here to create a writing grid



Now this screen will appear:

Here you can create a new writing grid or open a saved one.

Click here to create a new grid



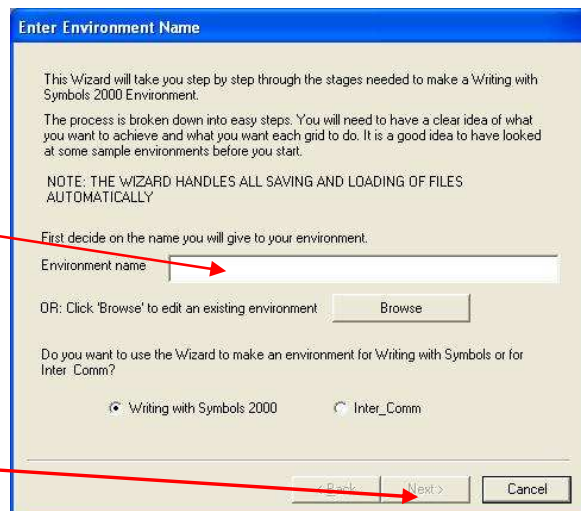
This screen will now appear.

This screen asks you to give your new grid a name.

Enter the name for your new grid here

In this case we are going to create a small grid to describe dinner time so I will enter *Dinner*.

Click the *Next* button

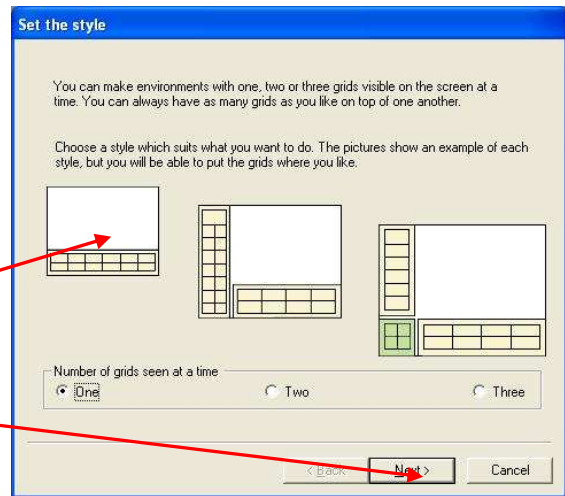


This screen will now appear.

Here, you can select the type of grid you would like and how you would like it to look on the screen.

In this case we will select option 1 which will create us a grid at the bottom of the screen.

Click the *Next* button



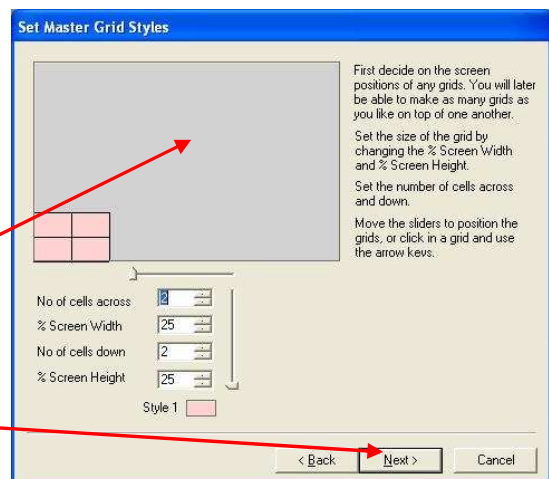
This screen will now appear:

This screen allows you to choose how many cells and rows you would like in your grid.

It also allows you to choose the overall size of your grid. Change the numbers or use the sliding bar to change the size.

It can be previewed in this Window.

Click the *Next* button

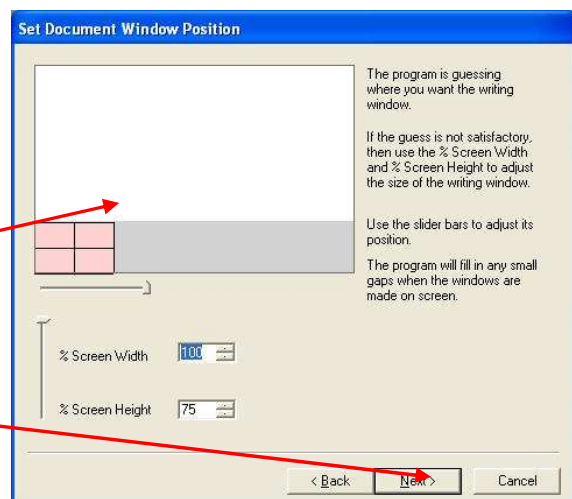


This screen will now appear:

Here, you can choose how much of the screen is taken up by your grid. Type in percentage values or use the sliding bar to set the overall size of the grid.

This can be previewed here.

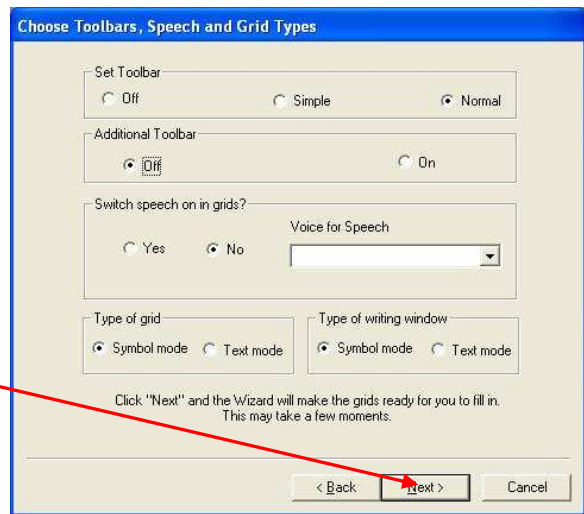
Click the *Next* button



This screen will now appear:

Here you can change preferences for your grid. For example, you can choose to have speech turned on or off. The speech will read out the contents of the grid.

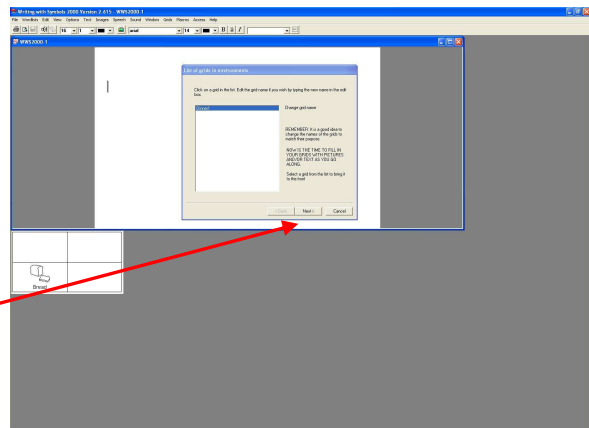
Click the *Next* button



Now this screen will appear.

You can now enter information into your grid cells. To enter text, click on the cell and type the word you wish to display as a symbol. Once entered a symbol will appear corresponding to the word you typed.

Once you have entered all your words, click the *Next* button

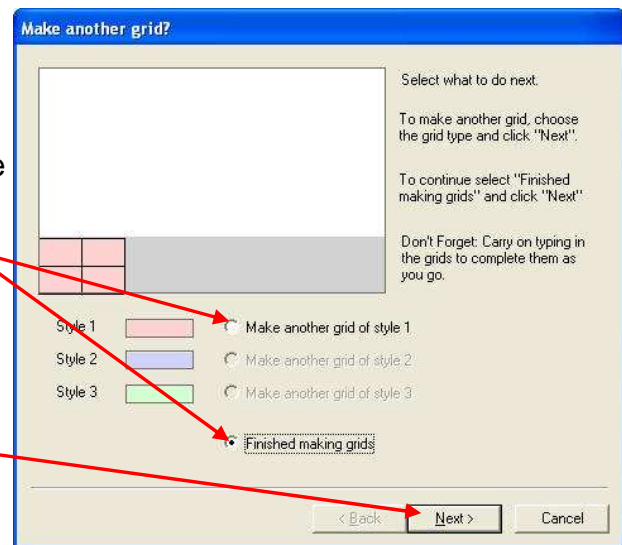


This screen will now appear:

If you wish to create more grids as part of the same set then click *Make another grid* and follow the process again.

If you are finished, click *Finished making grids* and then

Click the *Next* button



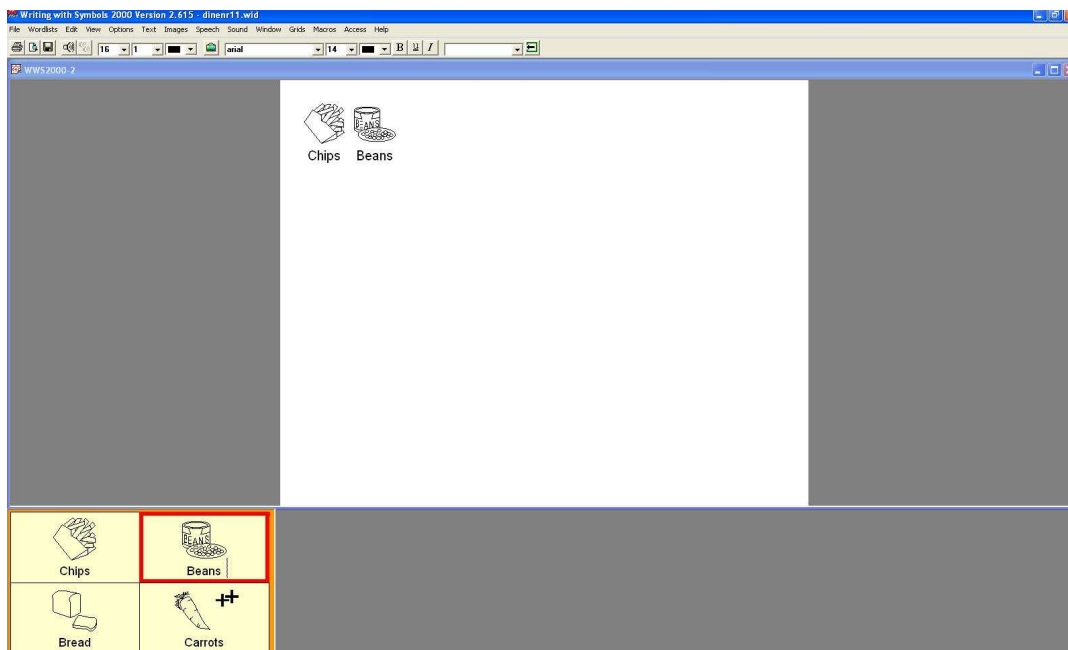
This screen will now appear.:
 Here are the options for the Writing Window which changes the way your blank writing sheet works. Here you can choose whether symbols on the sheet are read out via speech or not.

Click the *Finish* button



The main Writing Window will now appear.

You can now use a mouse or switches to select items from the grid. When clicked, the items will be pasted into the Writing Window. This is great for communication purposes and for people with learning disabilities.



Once typed out, work can be saved or printed out. There are many different uses for this piece of software; this guide has only run you through one feature.