AT Quick Guide

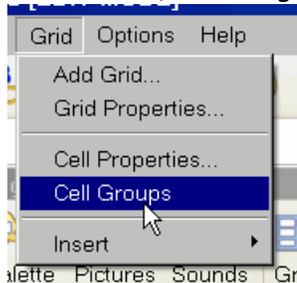## Clicker 5: Adding Cells to Forced Order Grids

This quick guide assumes that you have already created a Forced Order grid in Clicker 5. You can find Forced Order templates in the **Sentence Building** Category of the **New Gridset** window.

> Try to save yourself the trouble by choosing a forced order grid template that has enough cells in the first place. Adding new cells to the grid is a bit of a chore. The best thing to do is plan your gridset on paper first. Then browse the templates and find one that best fits your purpose. In some cases, simply starting over with a better template will be faster than adding new cells to your grid.
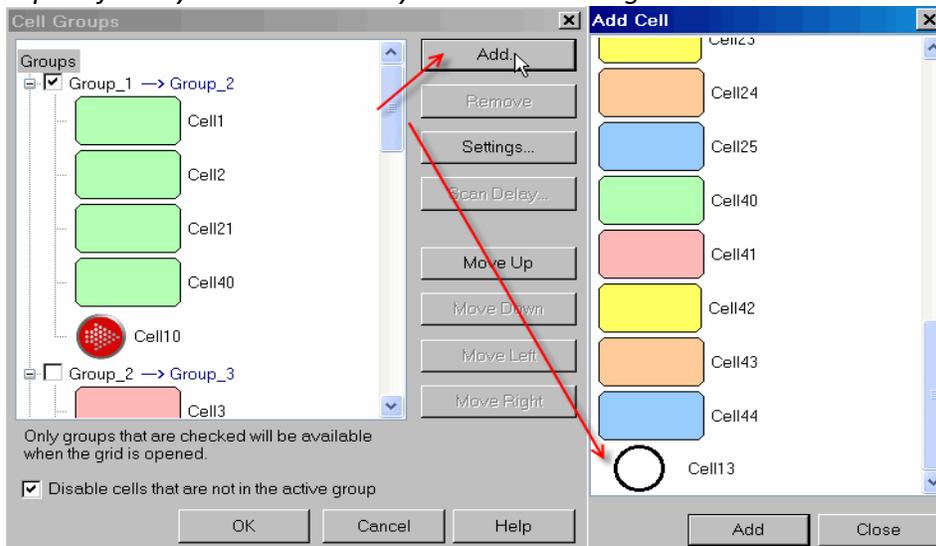
1. Add the needed new cell(s) to the grid
    In Edit Mode, use the Cell Palette button to add cells to your grid.

2. Add the new cells to the **Cell Groups** window
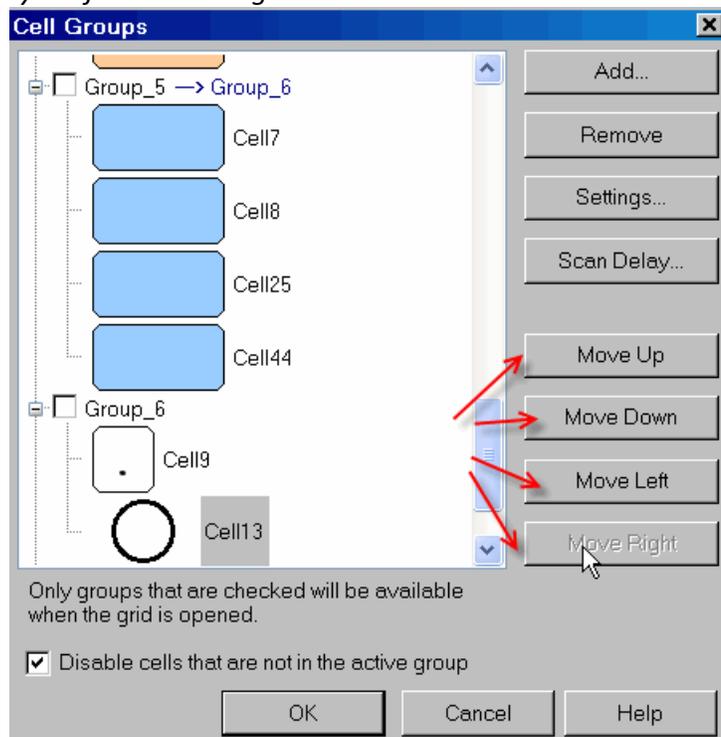   *With **Edit Mode** ON, Choose grid→cell groups*

    *click **Add→Add Cell** and then click on the new cell you created and click the **Add** button.*
    Repeat for any other new cells you added to the grid.

3. Add the cell to the appropriate group
   Now click on your newly added cell and use the Move Up, Down, Left and Right buttons to position those cells within the group that you want. In this case, I added a cell in the shape of a circle to the same group as the period. In this way, you could add a Question Mark to your forced order grid.

Consider your purpose:
Clicker is best used as a writing tool. In many cases, a forced order grid is unnecessary and removes the opportunity for a student to create his or her own piece of writing.
  - *If your forced order grid only allows one way of responding, what is the student actually learning?*
  - *Are you able to use this activity to assess whether the student has acquired new skills?*
  - *Is the activity still engaging for the student?*

In many cases, allowing for the possibility of error will make the learning activity more powerful. Remember that the text-to-speech capabilities offer a natural feedback loop for students to learn from their mistakes.