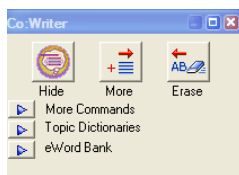


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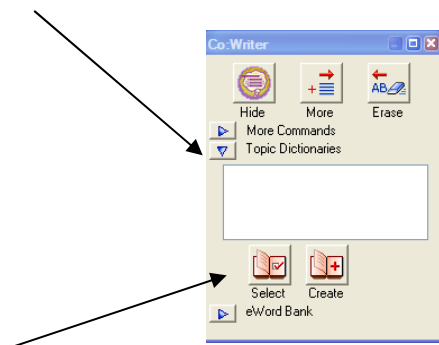
Creating a Topic Dictionary for Co:Writer SOLO Edition

Using existing and creating new topic dictionaries is an easy way to increase student writing output when using Co:Writer. There are many topic dictionaries already included in the program ranging from the American Revolution to Harry Potter. Different types of writing, such as compare and contrast, or persuade are also supported with words often used when writing for those genres. Students or teachers can also create dictionaries for a specific project or assignment.

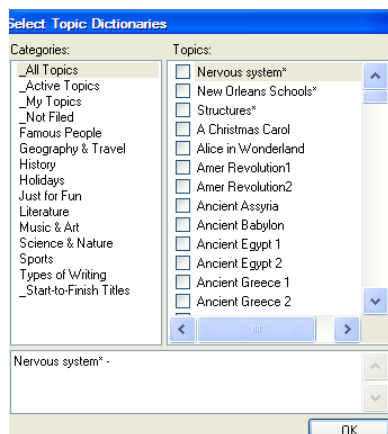
The topic dictionary tool is accessed from the Co:Writer palette.



Expand the topic dictionary choices by clicking on the arrow.

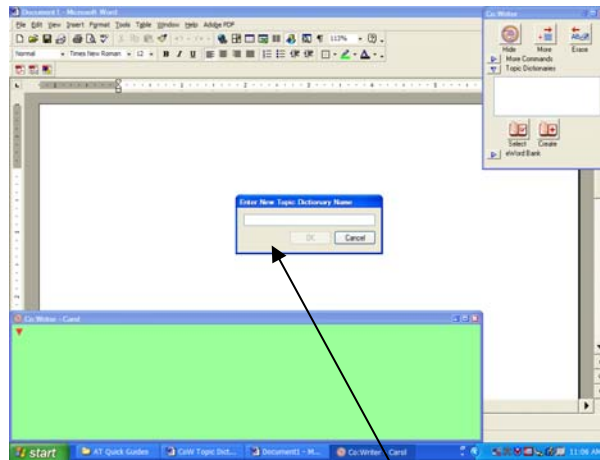


“Select” and “Create” are now choices. To use existing topic dictionaries click on the Select button. “All topics” will take you through all the topic dictionaries.



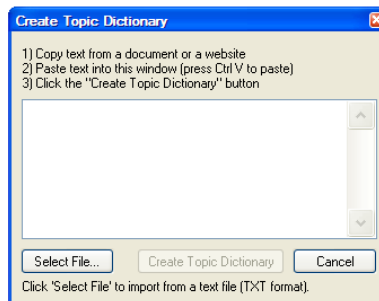
A quicker way to search is by choosing a category, such as history or literature, then a choosing a specific topic. Click on the box to activate that topic dictionary, click on the topic title to get a brief description and a sample of the words included.

To create a topic dictionary click the “Create” button.



A window will appear to name the new topic dictionary.

After naming your new dictionary click OK and the next window will appear.



There are 2 ways to create a topic dictionary.

1. A word list that has already been created, such as a vocabulary list, can be saved as a txt document and imported through “Select File”. Browse to the txt file, select it, click on open. This will import the list into the window, click create.
2. A dictionary can be created based on a text document. The document, such as a story from a web site can be pasted into the window, click “Create Topic Dictionary” and Co: Writer will create a word list. The new topic dictionary will be activated upon creation. If it is not needed for a particular assignment go to “select dictionary” where custom dictionaries, as well as existing dictionaries, can be selected or turned off by a click on the box next to the title. The custom dictionary will be stored in “My Topics” unless you drag it to a particular category.

Note: Topic dictionaries can be created when logged a student or teacher log-in but can only be edited from the teacher central log-in for Co: Writer.

Another feature related to the topic dictionaries is the eWord bank. The eWord bank is a list of the words in the topic dictionary displayed by word type: nouns and names, verbs, or adjectives. The eWord Bank stimulates ideas and generates words related to a topic as writers compose and revise. If you do not have a topic dictionary selected the e-word bank will be empty.