

**Trend task**

**Talking Text**

**Approach:** One to one

**Level:** Year 8

**Focus:** Following instructions to use a computer.

**Resources:** Computer program on laptop computer, instruction booklet.

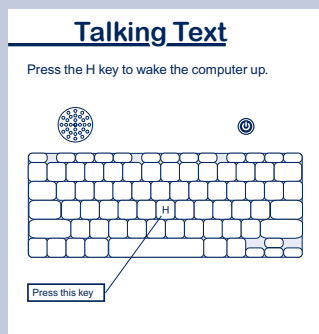
**Questions/instructions:**

Give the student the instruction booklet called "Talking Text". Tell them to follow the instructions in the booklet, using the pictures to help. Offer to assist with reading words in the instruction booklet.

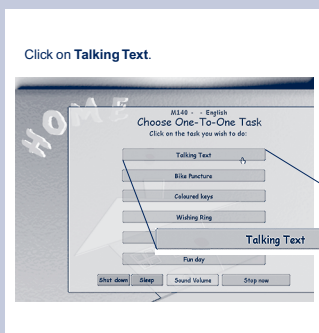
On the recording sheet describe any help given.

Only give help when necessary, and after the student has already attempted to do what is required.

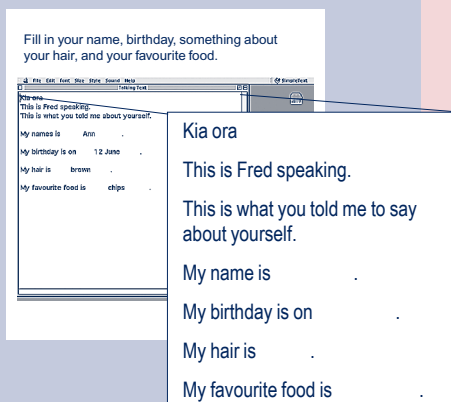
**INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETED WITHOUT HELP:**



waking up from sleep (starting up)



opening file



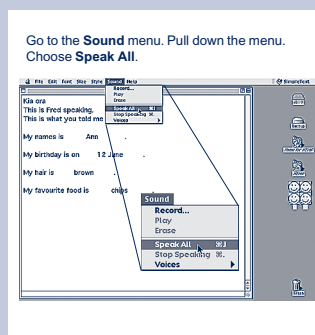
typing details

**% responses**  
2000 ('96)  
**year 8**

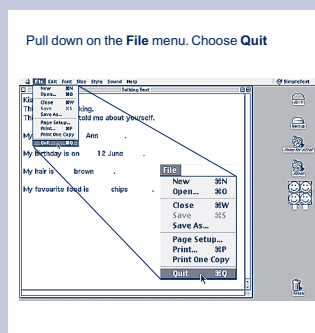
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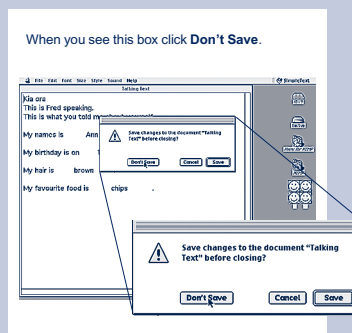
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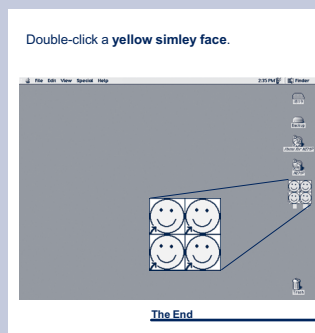
getting computer to speak



quitting program



don't save



clicking on yellow smile symbol (1996, shutting down)

**% responses**  
2000 ('96)  
**year 8**

97 (87)

96 (97)

96 (95)

93 (92)

**Commentary:**

Because of a new software configuration two of the seven components were changed between 1996 and 2000. The replacement tasks were of comparable difficulty. The 2000 students were more successful than the 1996 students at typing words into the computer and getting the computer to speak those words. On all other task components, students enjoyed similar high success in both years.