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Authoring Online Activities with Hot Potatoes

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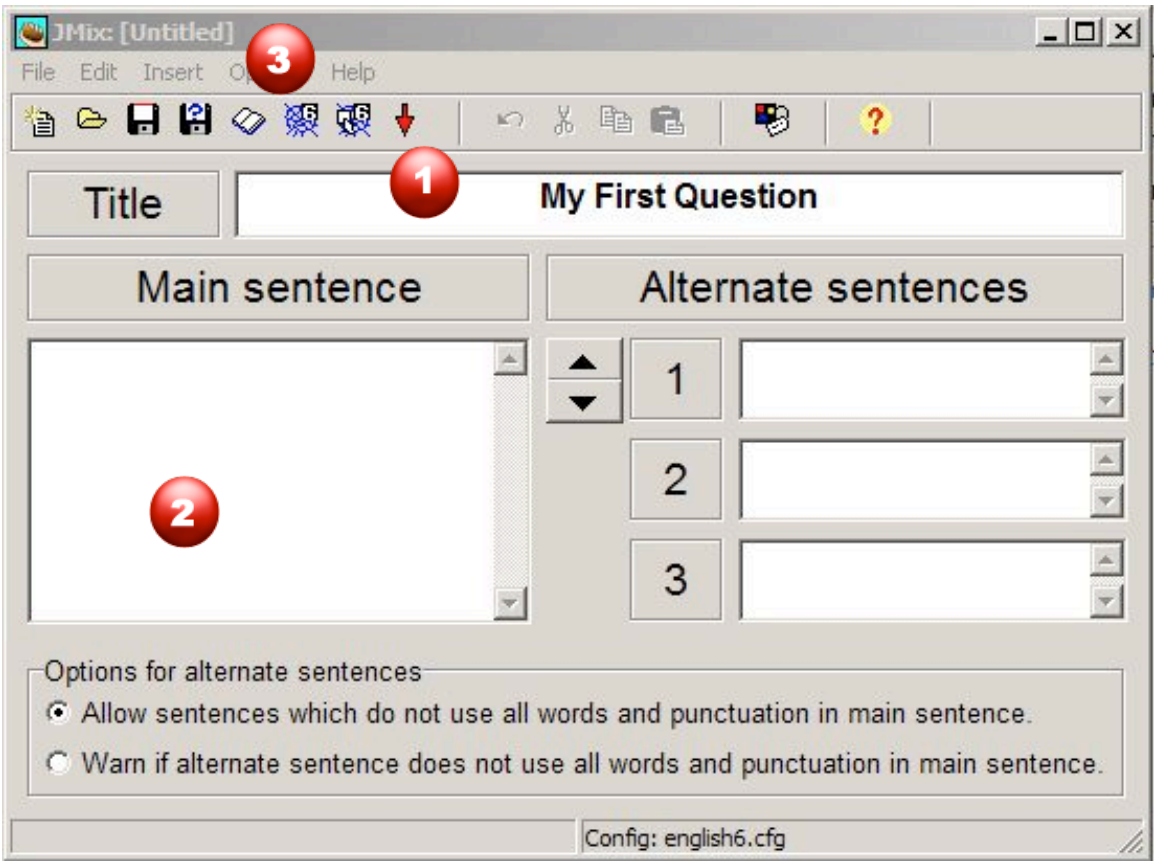
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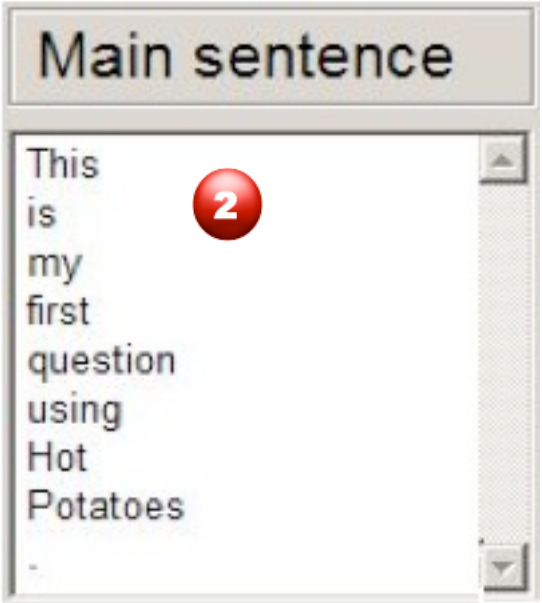
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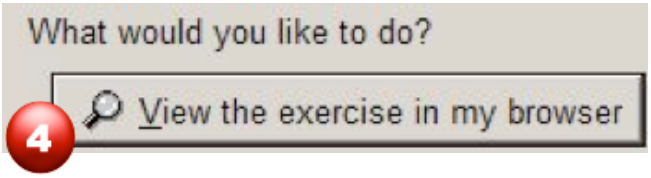
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Two-Minute Activity

1. Open the Hot Potatoes JMix
2. Type in an exercise title
3. Type in the sentence. One word at a time with punctuation on a separate line.
4. Click Save as "Web exercise"
5. Click "View the exercise in my browser"







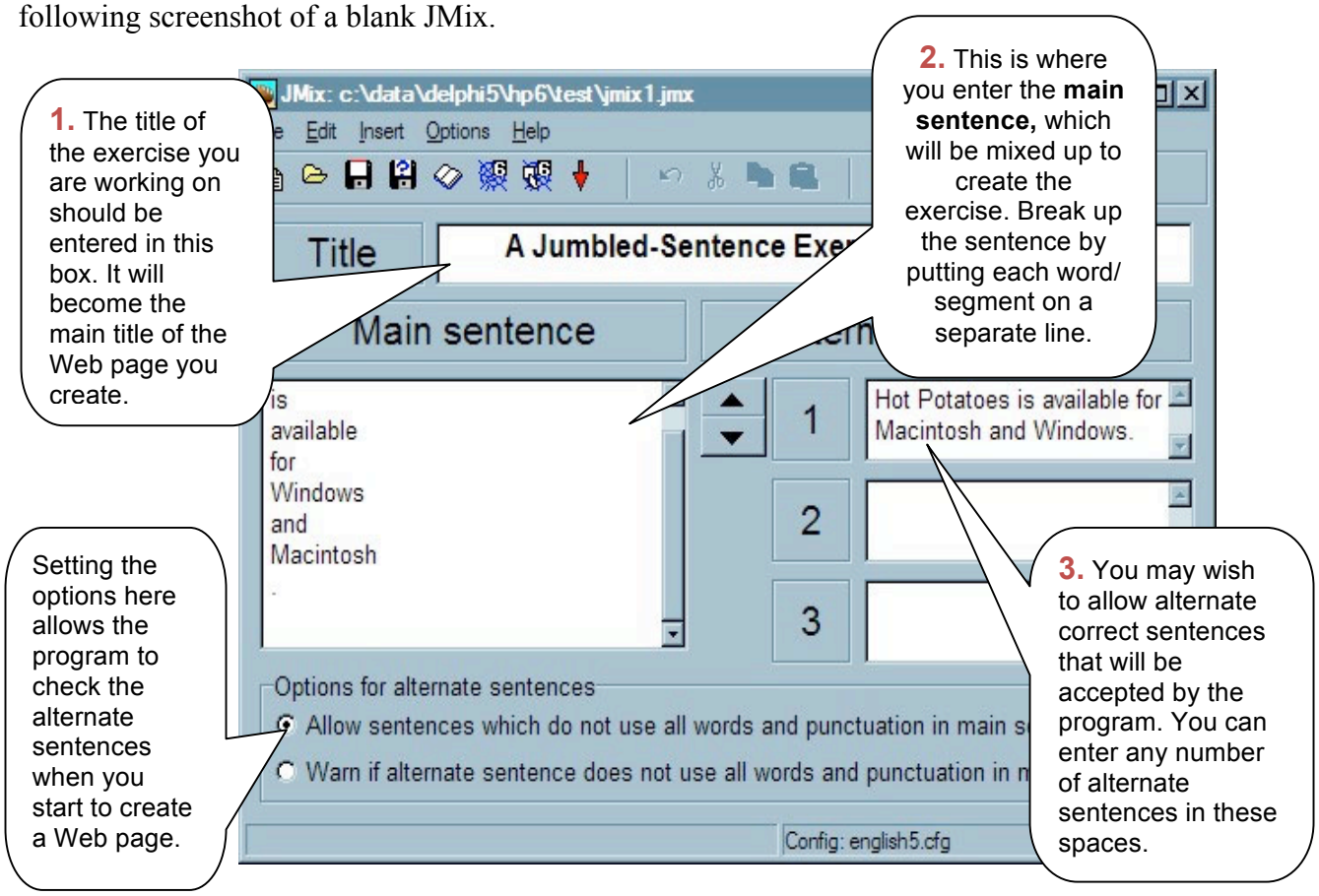
Creating a Hot Potatoes JMix Activity

http://hotpot.uvic.ca/wintutor6/jmix1.htm
http://hotpot.uvic.ca/wintutor6/jmix2.htm

JMix creates scrambled sentence exercises. Students can be given single words, collocations, phrases or any combination of words to reorganize into a good sentence. Multiple correct answers can be accepted, including the sentences that don\t use all of the elements. A Hint button can be displayed, allowing the student to see the next correct word(s) in his/her solution.

Getting Started

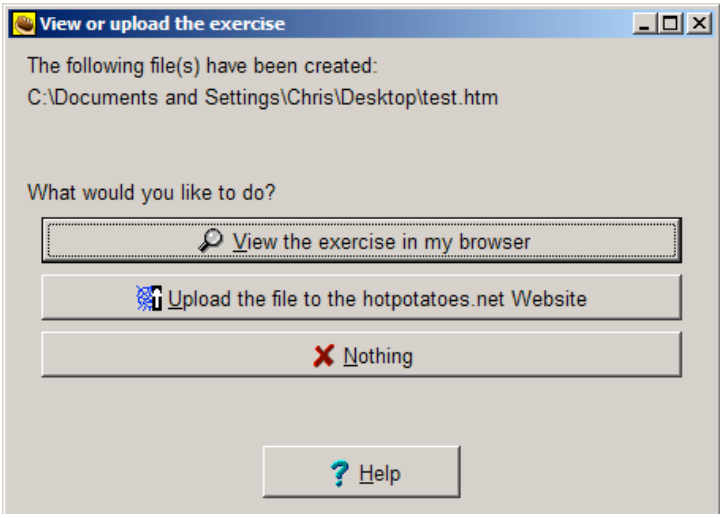
Open up the Hot Potatoes software and click on the link to the JMix feature. You are now presented with the following screenshot of a blank JMix.



1. Click into the Title text box and enter the title of your JMix.
2. Enter the sentence in the Main sentence area. Put each word/segment on a different line.
3. Enter another correct answers in the Alternate sentences area. Once you have completed your quiz, save it by clicking on the  'Save the exercise to disk' icon. The 'File Name' dialogue box will appear. Type in your quiz name and save it in the appropriate folder. This will be saved as a Hot Potatoes jCross file

4. Next, you need to save the quiz as an HTML file. This is the format that students. Click on the  'Export to create a Hot Potatoes Version 6 Web Page' icon. The 'File Name' dialogue box will appear. Type in your quiz name and save it in the appropriate folder. This will be saved as an HTML file.

5. The following dialogue box will automatically appear. Click on 'View the exercise in my browser' option to see your new quiz. (Click 'Nothing' if you don't want to view it.)



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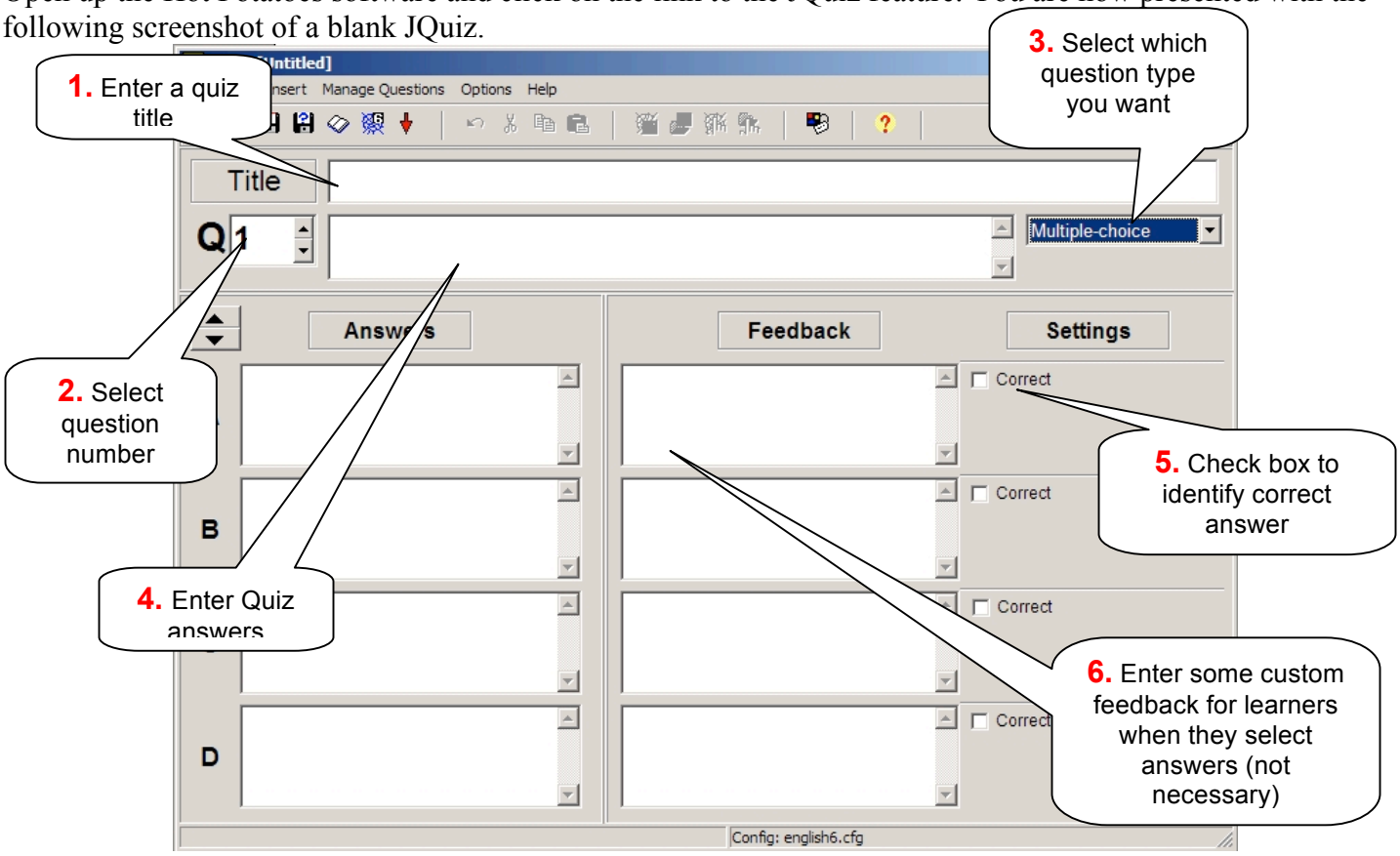
Creating a Hot Potatoes JQuiz Activity

http://hotpot.uvic.ca/wintutor6/jquiz1.htm

JQuiz can create four different types of question: ***multiple-choice***, ***short-answer***, ***hybrid*** (a short-answer question that turns into a multiple-choice question after several attempts), and ***multi-select*** (in which the learner has to choose several of a set of options, then check the choices).

Getting Started

Open up the Hot Potatoes software and click on the link to the JQuiz feature. You are now presented with the following screenshot of a blank JQuiz.



1. Click into the Title text box and enter the title of your quiz.

2. Below the title, you will see the Q1 display and the option to scroll up/down. This allows you to select each question.

3. Select the type of quiz you want to use – Multiple Choice, Short Answer, Hybrid or Multi Select.

4. Enter the answers the quiz question. Remember there can only be one correct answer. The others could be close, or totally wrong. The objective is to encourage learners to think about their answer.

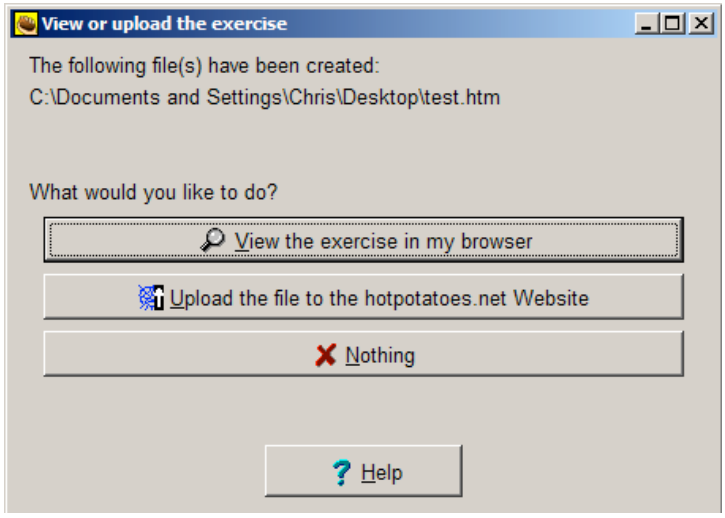
5. Ensure you identify which of the answers is the correct answer by checking the correct box.

6. Each answer should have some feedback. Have fun, but be constructive in your feedback. (If you leave these blank the user will receive the default feedback for correct and incorrect responses be selecting Configure Output under the Options menu and clicking in the Prompts/Feedback tab.

7. Once you have completed your quiz, save it by clicking on the  'Save the exercise to disk' icon. The 'File Name' dialogue box will appear. Type in your quiz name and save it in the appropriate folder. This will be saved as a Hot Potatoes JQuiz file.

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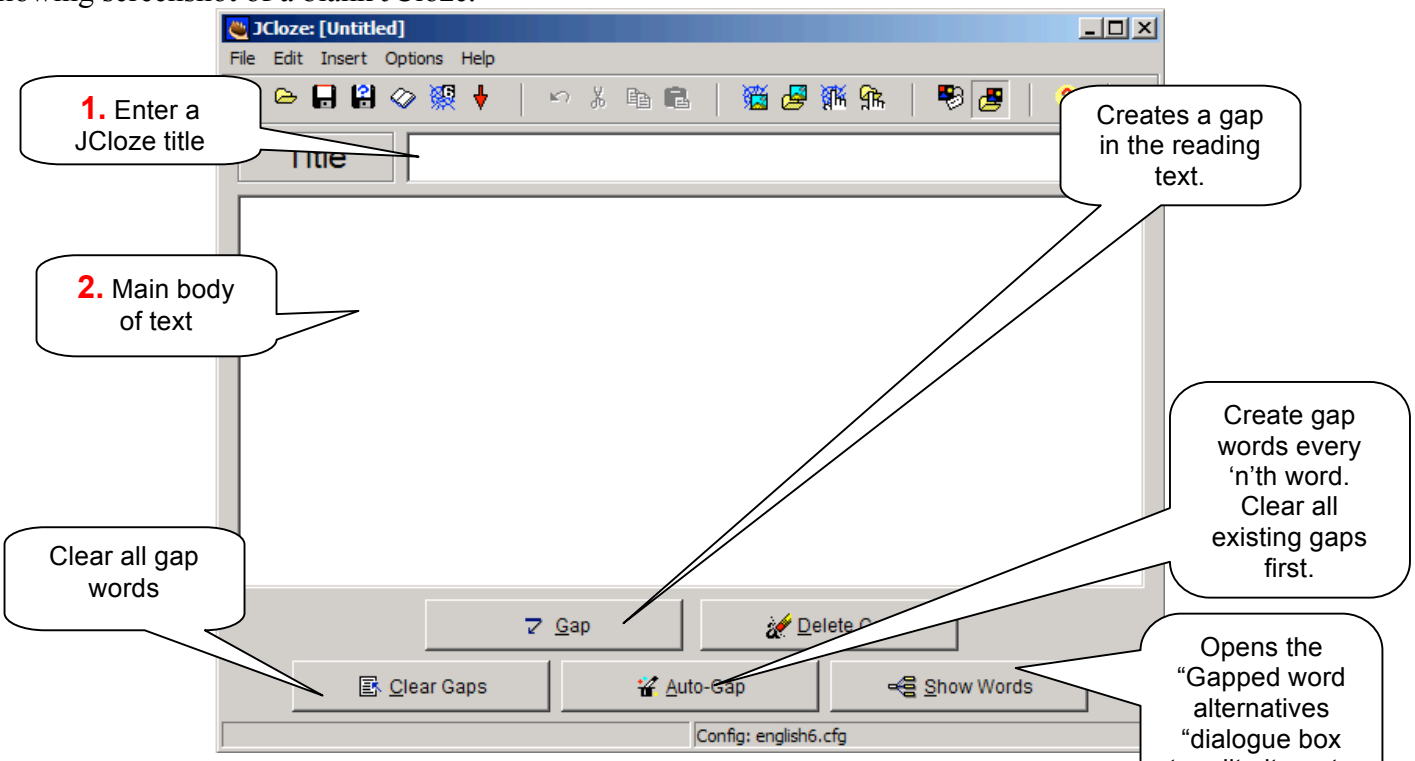
Creating a Hot Potatoes JCloze Activity

http://hotpot.uvic.ca/wintutor6/jcloze1.htm
http://hotpot.uvic.ca/wintutor6/jcloze2.htm

JCloze creates gap-fill exercises. Several correct answers can be specified for each gap, and the student can ask for a hint and see a letter of the correct answer. Automatic scoring is also included. The program allows gapping of selected words, or the automatic gapping of every *x* word in a text.

Getting Started

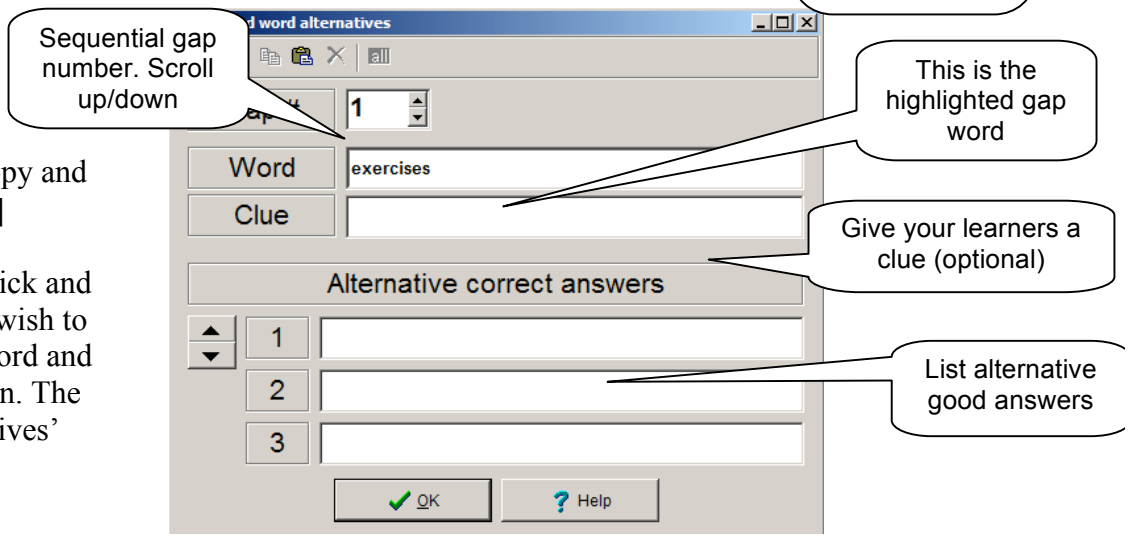
Open up the Hot Potatoes software and click on the link to the JCloze feature. You are now presented with the following screenshot of a blank JCloze.



1. Click into the Title text box and enter the title of your JCloze.

2. Enter the main body of text [you can also copy and paste text into this field]

3. After adding the text, click and highlight the word you wish to make into a 'gapped' word and click on the 'Gap' button. The 'Gapped Word Alternatives' dialogue box appears.

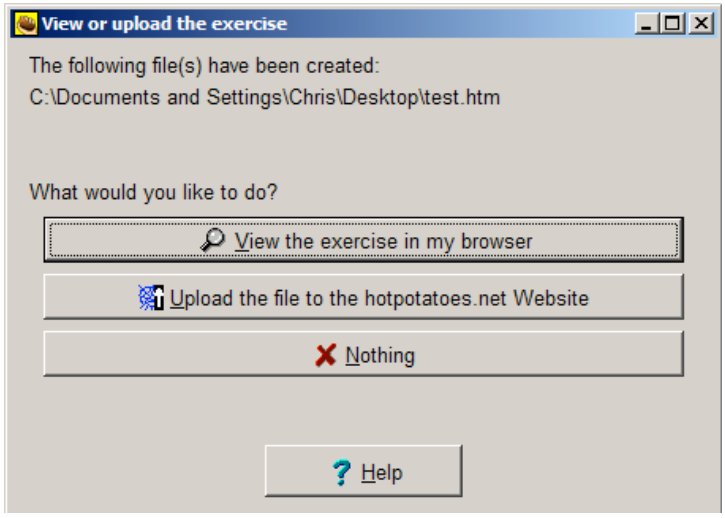


4. Once you have entered all your information into the 'Gap Word Alterations' dialogue box, keep repeating the process until you have finished.

5. Once you have completed your quiz, save it by clicking on the  'Save the exercise to disk' icon. The 'File Name' dialogue box will appear. Type in your quiz name and save it in the appropriate folder. This will be saved as a Hot Potatoes jCloze file.

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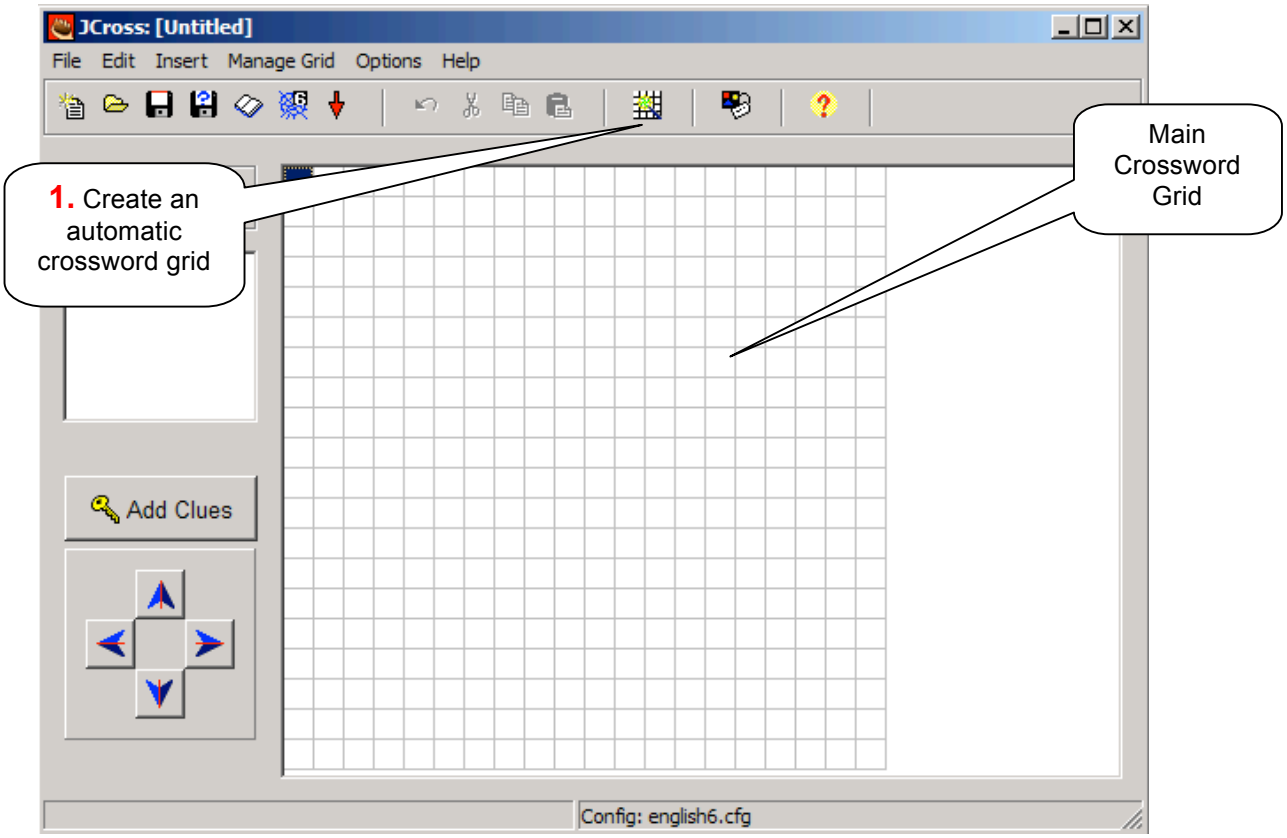
Creating a Hot Potatoes JCross Activity

http://hotpot.uvic.ca/wintutor6/jcross1.htm

JCross creates crossword puzzles which can be completed online. You can use a grid of up to 100 x100 letters. As in JQuiz and JCloze, a hint button allows the student to request a free letter if help is needed.

Getting Started

Open up the Hot Potatoes software and click on the link to the JCross feature. You are now presented with the following screenshot of a blank JCross.

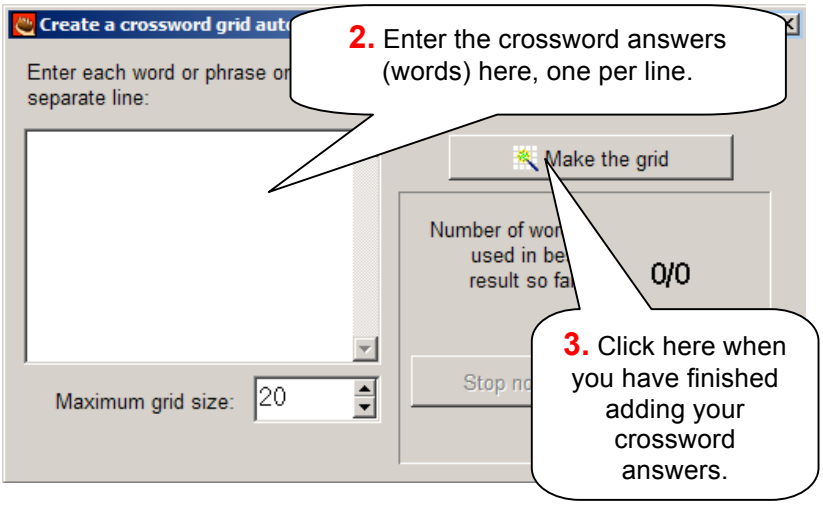


1. Click onto the 'Create a grid layout automatically from a list of words' icon' 

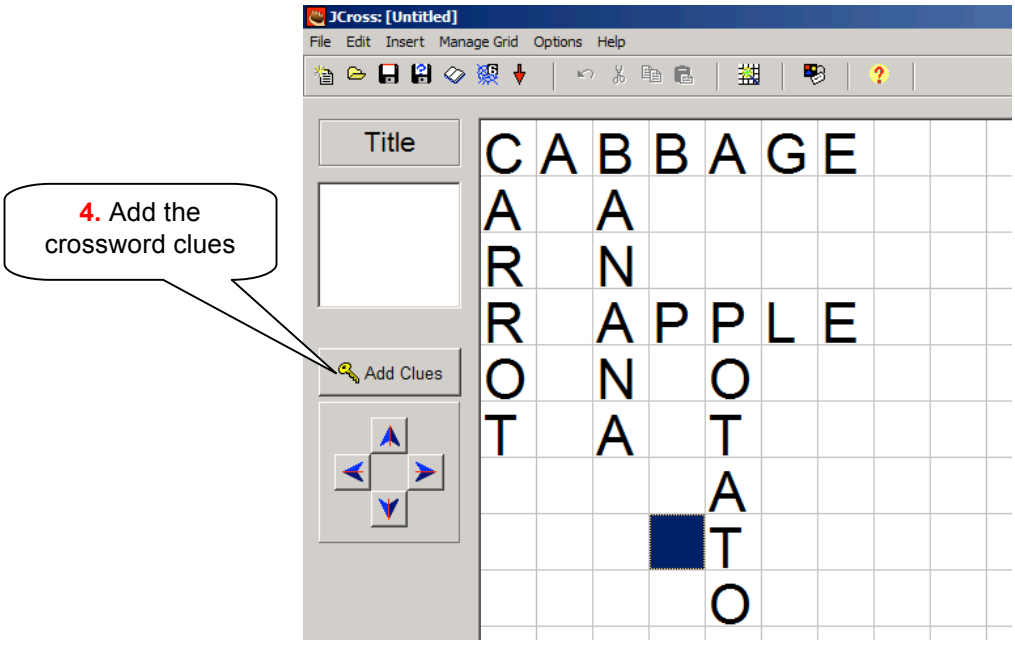
   The "Create a crossword grid automatically window" opens.

2. Enter your crossword answers into the text box. One answer per line.

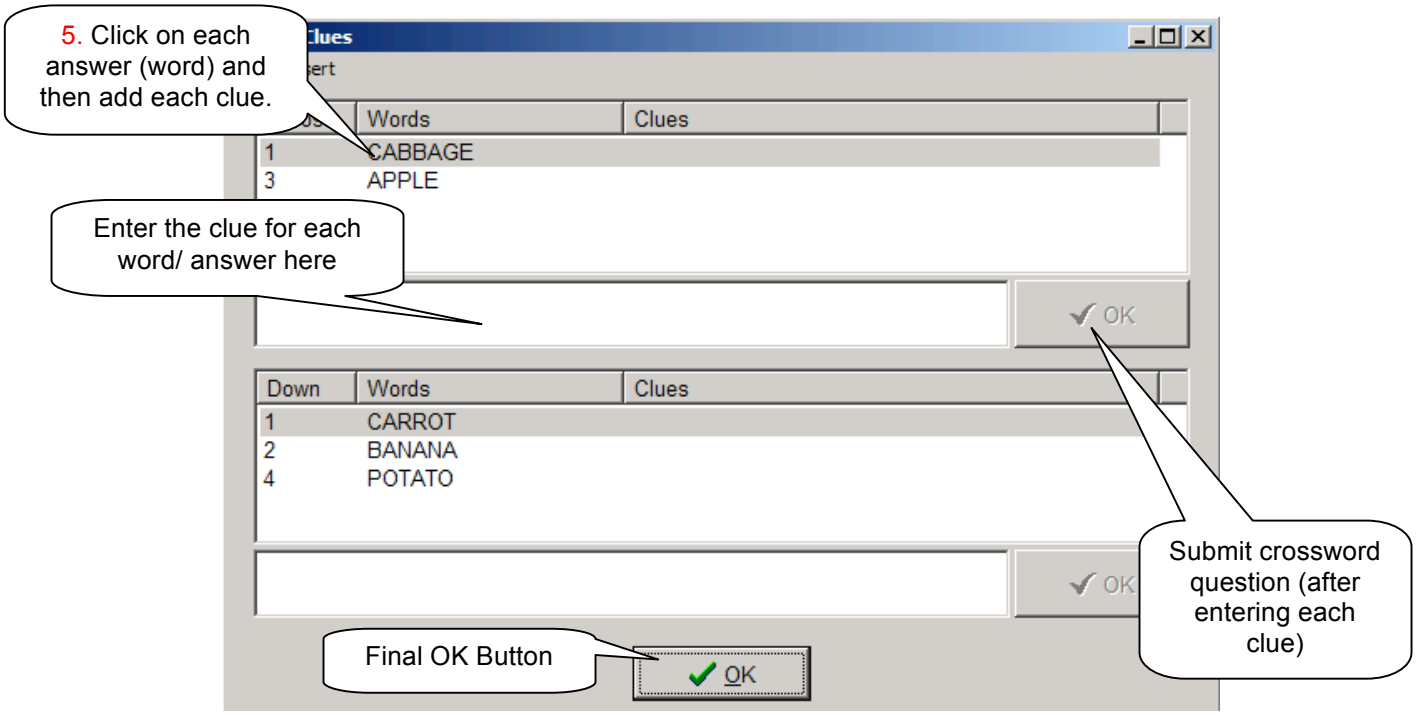
3. When you have finished adding all of your crossword answers, click on the 'Make the grid button'. The grid is



automatically created, encompassing your crossword answers and you will be presented with the screen shot below.



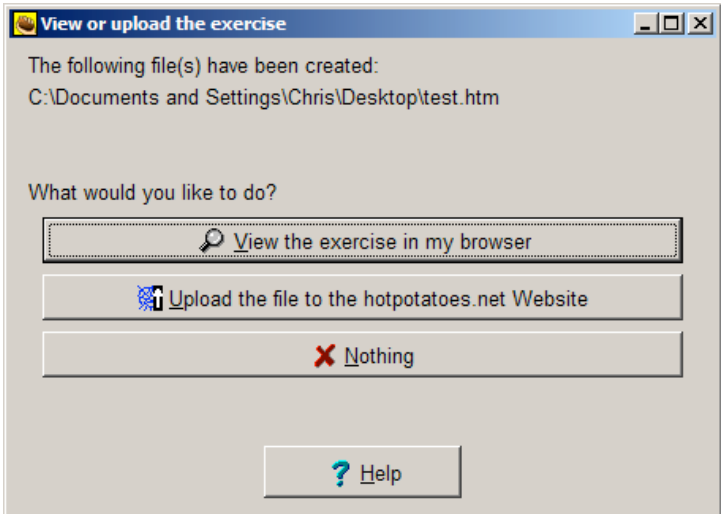
4. You now need to add your crossword clues.
5. If you click on each answer in turn, your cursor will automatically drop into the crossword question field. Add your question and then click on the OK button. Your clue automatically moves to the 'Clues' field. Move to the next answer and repeat the process until you have completed adding all of your clues. Finally, click on the OK button at the bottom of the screen.



6. Once you have completed your quiz, save it by clicking on the  'Save the exercise to disk' icon. The 'File Name' dialogue box will appear. Type in your quiz name and save it in the appropriate folder. This will be saved as a Hot Potatoes JCross file.

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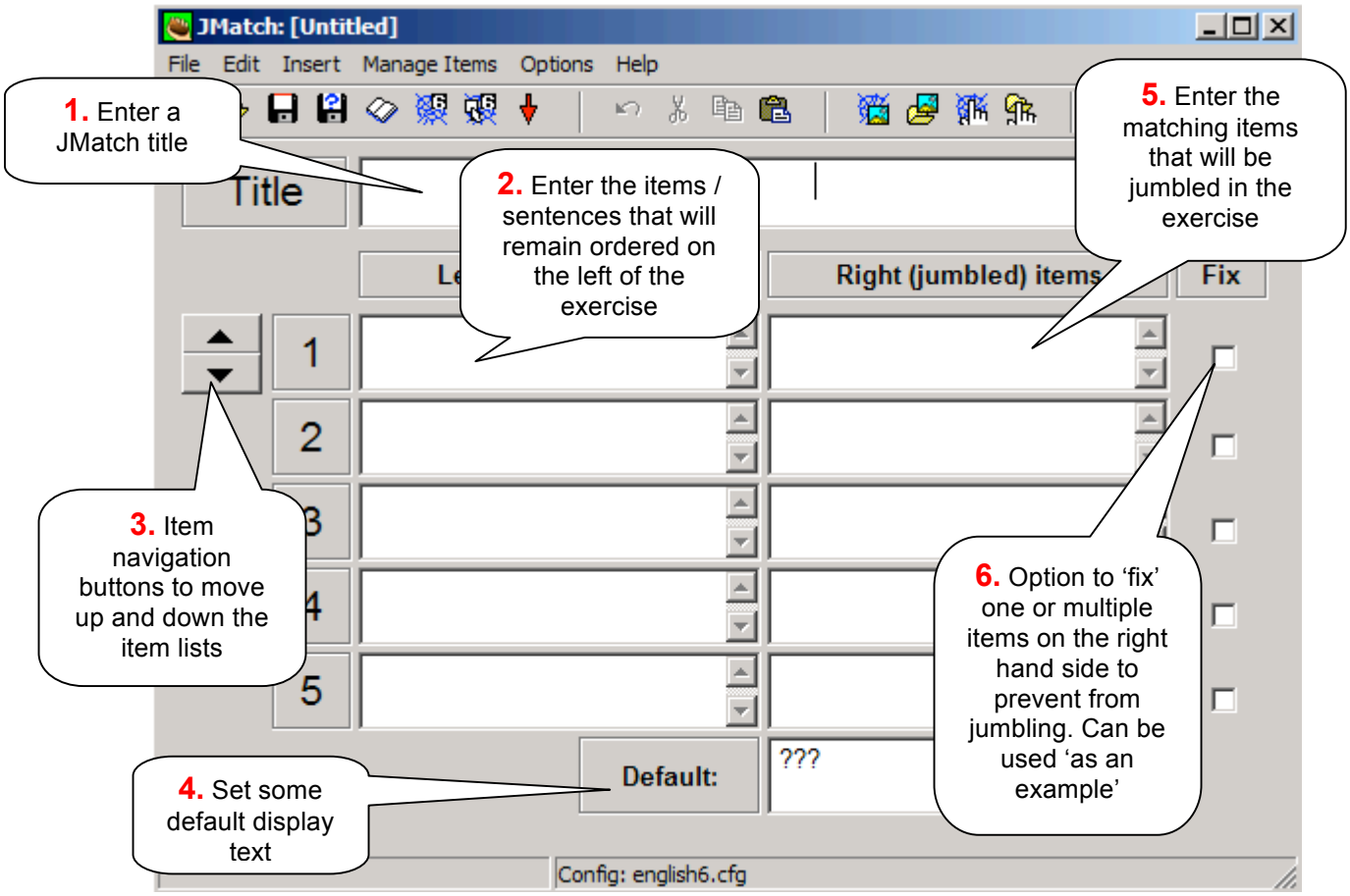
Creating a Hot Potatoes JMatch Activity

http://hotpot.uvic.ca/wintutor6/jmatch1.htm
http://hotpot.uvic.ca/wintutor6/jmatch2.htm

JMatch creates matching or ordering exercises. A list of fixed items appears on the left (these can be pictures or text), and next to each one there is a drop-down list box containing a jumbled set of pieces of text. This can be used for matching vocabulary to pictures or translations, or for ordering sentences to form a sequence or a conversation.

Getting Started

Open up the Hot Potatoes software and click on the link to the JMatch feature. You are now presented with the following screenshot of a blank JMatch.



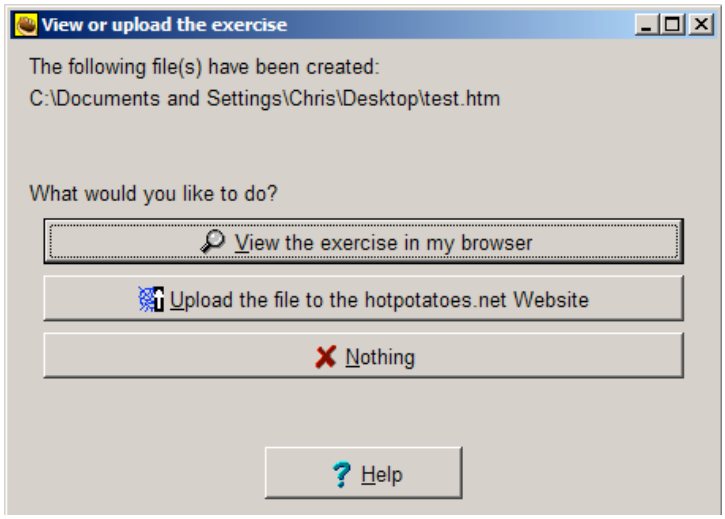
1. Click into the Title text box and enter the title of your JMatch.
2. Enter the items/sentences that will remain ordered on the left hand side of the exercise.
3. Item navigation buttons to move up and down the item lists,
4. Option to set some default display text.
5. Enter the matching items which will appear as jumbled items in the exercise.

6. Option to ‘fix’ one or more items on the right hand side of the JMatch page, so they can’t be jumbled up. Can be used effectively as an example.

7. Once you have completed your quiz, save it by clicking on the  ‘Save the exercise to disk’ icon. The ‘File Name’ dialogue box will appear. Type in your quiz name and save it in the appropriate folder. This will be saved as a Hot Potatoes JMatch file.

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How to Embed a YouTube Video in a Hot Potatoes Activity

These instructions explain how to embed a YouTube video on the left side of a Hot Potatoes window, (next to the questions).

1. Select **Add Reading Text** from the **File** menu in a JQuiz, JMatch, JCloze, JCross or JMix window.
2. Select the **Include a reading text** check box in the **Add Reading Text** window.
3. Open your web browser and navigate to the target YouTube video.
4. Click the **Share** button below the video (on the YouTube page).
5. Click the **Embed** button (now visible below the **Share** button).
6. Scroll down the page. Stop scrolling when you see **Custom** with two empty boxes (*Width* and *Height*) below it.
7. There are four buttons for different four pre-set video sizes to the left of the **Custom** *Width*/ *Height* option. Click on the first pre-set video size, i.e. the smallest (e.g. 420 X 315).
8. Copy the embed code in the text box above "After making your selection, copy and paste the embed code…"
9. Return to the Hot Potatoes window.
10. Click in the reading text box, (below **Title** in the **Add Reading Text** window).
11. Paste the embed code (copied from YouTube in Step 8).
12. Click OK to close the **Add Reading Text** window.
13. Select the **Create a web page** option in the **File** menu or by clicking the "**Export to create … a Web page**" button in the toolbar.
14. Click **Save** if in a suitable location.
15. Click **View the exercise in my browser** to preview the activity.

How to Install Hot Potatoes

1. Go to **http://hotpot.uvic.ca/**
2. Click **Downloads**
3. Click on the hyperlink, **Hot Potatoes 6.3 installer** (for the Windows version)
   (Mac users click **Download Java Potatoes** follow instructions provided on the same web page.)
4. Click **Run**.
5. Click **OK** to confirm **English** is the selected setup language
6. Click **Next**
7. Click **I accept the agreement** if you agree with the terms of installation
8. Click **Next**
9. Click **Next** after reading the Hot Potatoes information screen
10. Click **Next** to install the program in the default location (Otherwise use the Browse button to change the location.)
11. Click **Next** (to select the location of the shortcuts in the start-up menu)
12. Click **Next** (to confirm the shortcut placed on the desktop or Quick launch menu)
13. Click **Install**
14. Click **Finish** (and make sure the Launch Hot Potatoes is selected)
15. Hot Potatoes will start (or launch it manually if needed)
16. Click **Use English**
17. In order to unlock all the features of the Hot Potatoes, you need to register the programs.
18. Click the **Help** menu and select **Register**
19. Type your name in the **User name** text box
20. Click **OK**

Supplementary Tutorials for Downloading and Installing Hot Potatoes

- http://www.slideshare.net/keithpeter/installing-hot-potatoes-on-windows-xp
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCFENMAdlrk
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2QqDIM9CWE

Hot Potatoes Help Manual

- Official Hot Potatoes Help booklet - http://hotpot.uvic.ca/hotpot6_help.pdf