

# Using *MyWorld* across the curriculum

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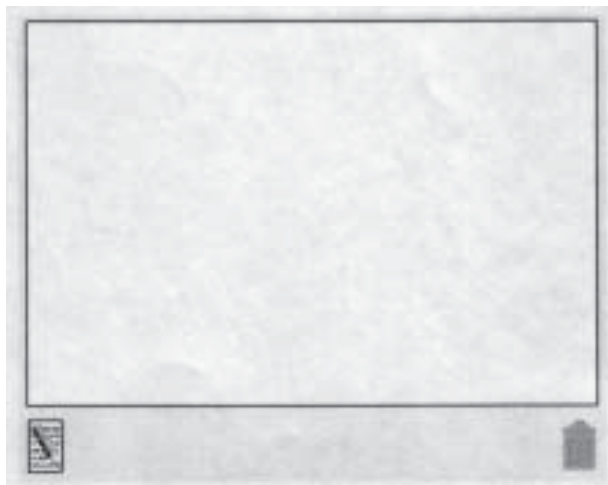
*MyWorld* is a 'click to stick/click to unstick' program. Screens, covering many areas of the curriculum, are available to purchase from SEMERC: these cater for the early learner and for children with special needs.

Three of the original screens are called 'Sentences 1, 2, and 3'. One of these asks children to match sentence halves while in another they have to unjumble a sentence. Ideas developed along these lines could clearly be of use in the Literacy Hour, as well as other areas of the curriculum.

## Creating screens on Acorn machines

Creating screens is not difficult, and once done you have a resource that you can reuse. Text only screens are the simplest.

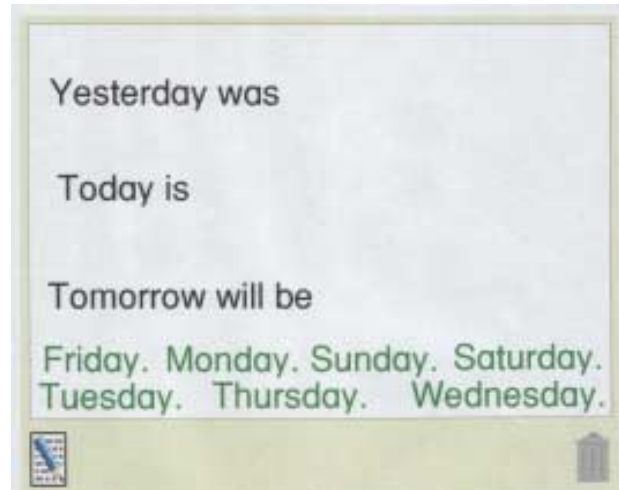
1. Load *MyWorld* in the usual way.
2. Open the Basis screen.
3. Click on the Notepad using the middle mouse



**Fig. 1.** *Basis screen.*

button. If you want to change the font you can do so by selecting 'menu'.

4. Type your sentences.



**Fig. 2.** *Days of the week.*

5. Place these on the screen in the way you wish to present them to the children.
6. Save the screen under a name that you will remember!

## Adding images

1. Load *Draw* from the Applications folder on the icon bar.
2. Load the *MyWorld* program. This will generate a warning, but don't panic! It just means that you must be careful with loading work when dragging files into either *Draw* or *MyWorld*.
3. Open a window that contains clipart/pictures/sprites that you want to put into a *MyWorld* screen.

4. Drag the *Basis* screen icon onto the *Draw* application icon on the icon bar.
5. Now drag the image, or images, onto the *Basis* screen which is in *Draw*. You may have to move these and scale them to fit.
6. Save this whole file to the *MyWorld* screens window.

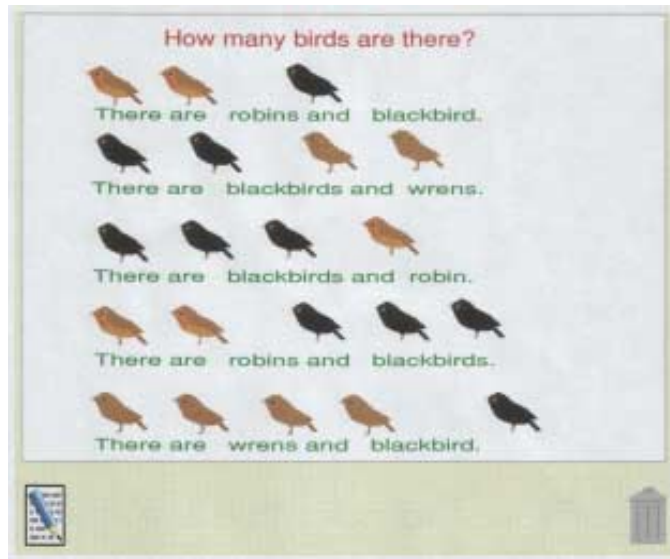


Fig. 3. Counting.

7. Drag this same screen onto the *MyWorld* program icon on the icon bar and add the words in the same manner as described above and resave the screen.

### Creating screens on PC machines

For PC users, text screens can also be created easily by selecting the notepad and typing the text and changing the font. Note that on the PC you cannot change the font colour, this is inconvenient if you want to highlight certain parts of a sentence or the CVC letters.

PC users will not find it as easy to create screens with graphical images as Acorn users using *Draw*. It can be done if you have an *RM Window Box* with *Oakdraw* loaded in the teachers' accessories.

If you have access to both Acorn and PC machines it is uncomplicated to transfer screens across.

1. Put a PC formatted disc into the Acorn
2. Drag the screens for transfer into the disc window.
3. Change the names of these screens to /MYW which will show on the PC as .MYW files.
4. Put this disc into the PC and use the *MyWorld* menu system to select the network option from which you select the A: drive to see the saved files which can now be used on the PC.

*MyWorld* has great potential for whole class teaching and group activities in Numeracy Lessons. Several *MyWorld* screens, created by Bob Fox of University College, Worcester are available to download from the **KidsMAPE** section of the website, [www.mape.org.uk](http://www.mape.org.uk).