

## Digital Reading Competition – 1<sup>st</sup> Announcement

In June we will launch a digital reading competition where we invite students and teachers to submit their ideas for using the CLiC web app in the classroom. The best activities will be added to a new version of our CLiC Dickens Activity Book and will also be featured on the CLiC Dickens Blog!

**The competition will close in the autumn 2018.**  
Further details & prizes will be announced on our Blog soon:  
<https://blog.bham.ac.uk/clic-dickens>

### What is CLiC?

CLiC ([clic.bham.ac.uk](http://clic.bham.ac.uk)) is a web application that was specifically designed for the analysis of literary texts. With the help of CLiC you can trace occurrences of words across a single text or compare the usage of a word across several novels. CLiC currently contains over 130 books, mainly from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. You can investigate words in their contexts and focus on different parts of the text (such as character speech or narration). For example, CLiC can be used to look for speech verbs, as shown in the screenshot from Hardy's *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*.

	Left	Note	Right
1	of his time wi' me,"	added the dairyman, with a phlegm which unconsciously was brutal;	"and so I suppose he
2	hear at all by knocking,"	apologized Jonathan Kail, for it was he at last;	"and as't was raining out
3	don't say so!" "In short,"	concluded the parson, decisively smacking his leg with his switch,	"there's hardly such another family
4	going up into their horns,"	replied Dairyman Crick dubiously, as though even witchcraft might be limited by anatomical possibilities,	"I couldn't say; I certainly
5	away by stealth like this?"	said d'Urberville, with upbraiding breathlessness;	"on a Sunday morning, too
6	O Lard, here's a time!"	said Jack, looking out o' winder at	'em.'She'll murder me!Where
7	a beautiful diamond ring!" "Yes,"	said little Abraham, brightly, from the window-bench;	"and I seed it! and

Using CLiC to display concordance lines of speech verbs in *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*

### CLiC activities for the classroom

The Digital Reading Competition is your chance to create CLiC teaching activities and become part of an ongoing research project.

- You can find examples of how teachers have used CLiC in the classroom on our Blog: <https://blog.bham.ac.uk/clic-dickens>
- A pull-out feature introducing the CLiC web app can be found in the May 2018 issue of [Babel – The Language Magazine](#)
- You can also find inspiration in the free CLiC Activity Book (Version 1) that you can download here: <https://birmingham.ac.uk/clic-activity-book>
- Or join our seminar at this year's [NATE conference](#) in Birmingham on 23 June!

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