

Supporting Independent Learning

As students' progress through their education, the ability to work independently becomes increasingly important. Encouraging independence from an early age and giving children opportunities to work independently creates a firm foundation and builds their confidence to take control of their own learning.

The teacher can create instructions, questions or activities on the tags for pupils to listen to and follow.

Why use ProxTalker or ProxPAD?

- Pupils can listen to instructions as needed
- Pupils can work with greater independence
- Staff can focus on assessment and extending learning opportunities
- Gives pupils confidence
- Allows non-readers to access instructions / questions
- Tags can be programmed for one tag per activity or broken down into one tag per step
- Different pupils or groups can be given different instructions, questions or information, via their own tags
- Enhances learning activity personalisation
- Adds an extra layer to steps before giving up and asking teacher for help (eg 3B4Me, 5B's)
- Use tags for open questions / problems to investigate as well as direct instructions



How to set up (adult)

Choose activities suitable for independent learning

Record tags to explain task, to ask a question or to give a specific instruction, choosing an appropriate symbol or photo for each tag. For example:

“Draw round 5 different shapes”

“Choose a shape>Draw round your shape >colour your shape”

“Look at the equipment on the table. Can you make a bulb light up?”

“Simon, make the Beebot move round the track”

“Amy, find 5 items made from plastic”

Either have the sound tags on the tables or activity pages for pupils to use, or give to individuals , with Proxtalker on table or on wall, as preferred.

Either have the sound tags on the tables, on the activity worksheets for the pupils to use or give the sound tags to individuals with the ProxTalker or ProxPAD available in the classroom environment.

How to use (child)

- Take their tag – either a personal or group tag (or tags)
- Press on the button
- Play the message
- Complete the activity
- If forget play again
- If get stuck, play help card
- If using tag for each step, work through one at a time



For more information and free resources go to www.widgit.com/proxtalker