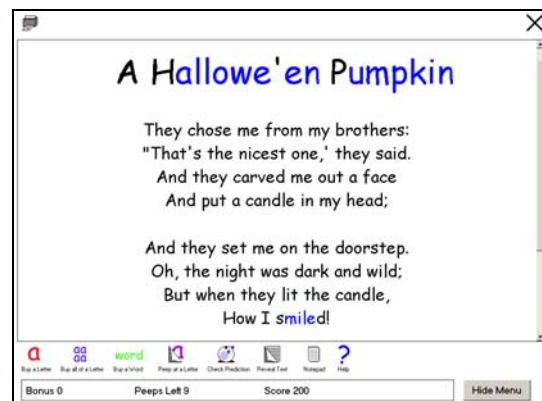
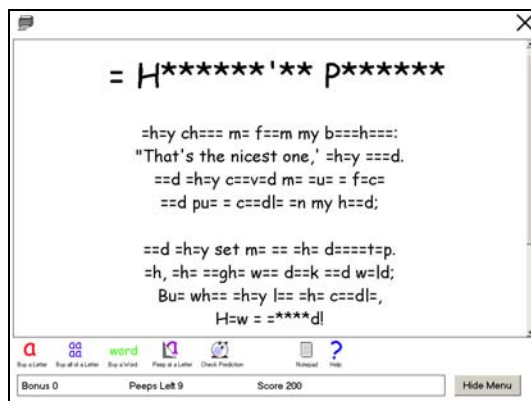


Developing Tray is back! This popular program, originally developed by Bob Moy and then by the Inner London Education Computing Centre (ILECC), has been rewritten taking advantage of modern operating systems by 2Simple Software and The IT Learning Exchange.

For those who don't remember the original, it's a sophisticated cloze program which treats a piece of text like a picture in a photographer's developing tray. You can choose or create a piece of text to suit your purpose, deciding how much or how little of the text is revealed and involve your learners in discussing and predicting what the missing letters and words might be (by typing them in), gradually building up ideas about the subject matter and revealing more and more of the text. Each prediction can be checked by the program at any time to see if it matches the original.

Here's an example of a Developing Tray text at the start and end of a 'game':



Developing Tray encourages discussion, exploration - even argument – about the text at many more levels than the words and letters themselves. The scoring system is designed to reward longer predictions – the longer you wait before asking the program to check, the higher your score.

In the training session, there will a strong emphasis on how to get the most out of Developing Tray's unique features in the classroom. You will be introduced to all the features of Developing Tray and its accompanying editor, which allows you to set up texts in a wide variety of ways. You will have ample opportunity to try the program for yourself, using both with the text files supplied and those you create yourself.

You will also be shown the dedicated web site which has been set up to support teachers using Developing Tray. This will be a growing storehouse of ideas, texts, hints and tips, allowing you to download other teachers' creations as well as upload your own.