

## What is Tense Buster Authoring Kit?

The Authoring Kit is a program that allows users to create Tense Buster exercises in any of the five levels: **Elementary, Lower Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate, and Advanced**. Since Tense Buster exercises are not theme based, this program is particularly helpful when you need to create an exercise that builds on a unit you have prepared. The Authoring Kit gives you complete control over choosing the text, type of exercise, and instructions.

Since we recommend that LINC Four use Tense Buster Upper Intermediate, we have created an exercise using the Tense Buster Intermediate Authoring Kit. It is a proofreading exercise that can be used as a supplementary exercise for Canadian Law-Family Law in the LINC 4 Curriculum Guidelines. The text is taken from the Family Law activity on the LINC 4 & 5 Curriculum Guidelines Web site available at: <http://alphaplus.ca/linc>.

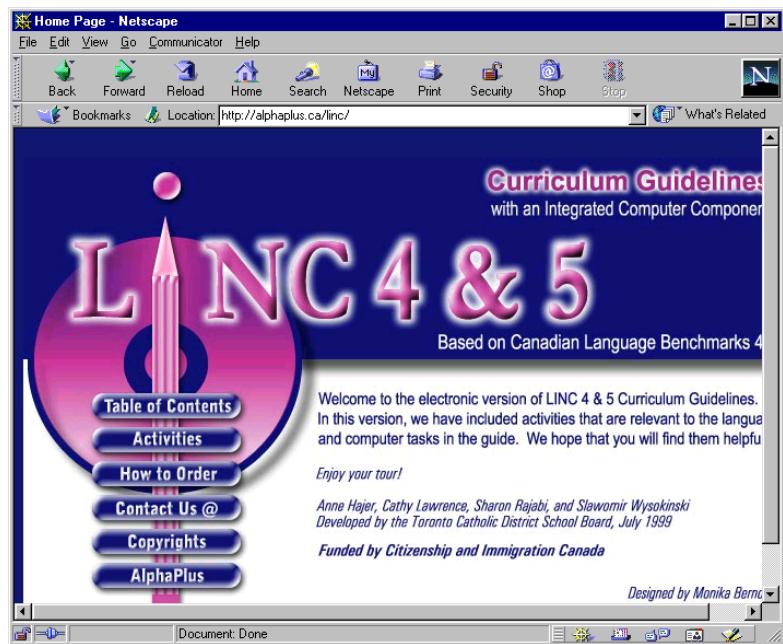
If this is your first time creating a Tense Buster authoring exercise, we recommend that you read the Tense Buster Authoring Kit section in Before Using Software.

## Exercise: Family Law--a Capitalization exercise

You need to have access to the Internet to be able to copy the text used in this activity. If you do not have access to the Internet, replace this text with a text of your choice.

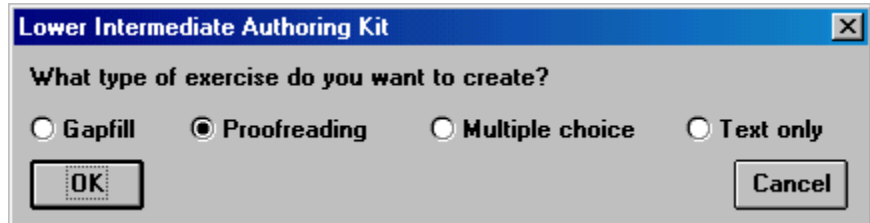
### ■ Importing text into Tense Buster authoring program

1. Make sure that you are connected to the Internet and you are in a Web browser (e.g., Netscape Navigator).
2. To copy text for the exercise, you need to access the LINC 4 & 5 Curriculum Guidelines Web site. In the location box, type <http://alphaplus.ca/linc/> and press **Enter**. You should see the LINC 4 & 5 Curriculum Guidelines Web site on your screen.
3. Click on **Activities**. Scroll down the page until you see the heading number 21, “*Family Law*.” Click on **Family Law**



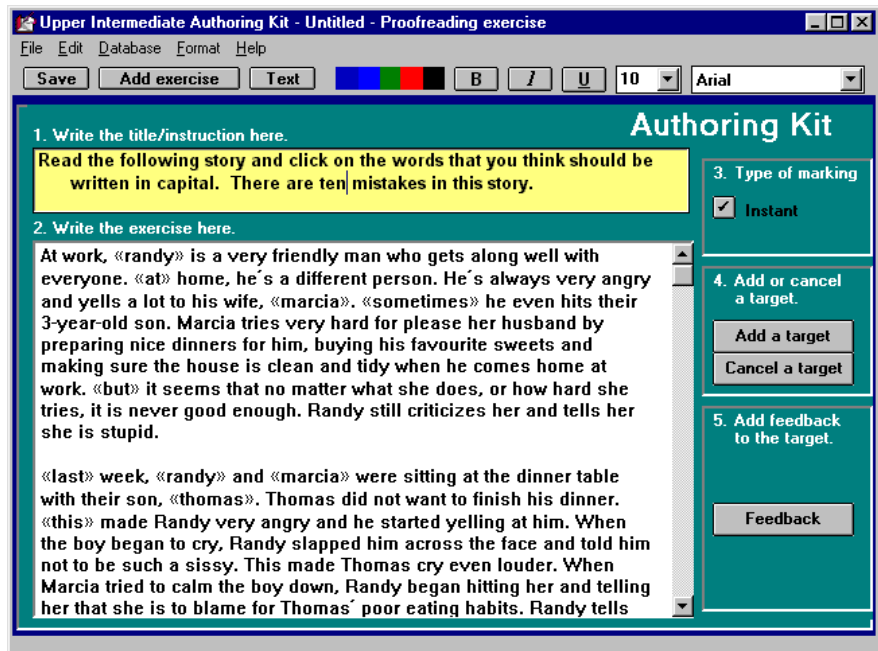
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4. Highlight the text and click on **Edit | Copy** on the menu bar.
5. Click **Start | Programs | Clarity | Upper Intermediate Authoring**.
6. Click **New**.
7. Select Type of exercise: **Proofreading**. Click **OK**.
8. Click in the white area. Click **Edit | Paste** to transfer your text to the authoring screen.



## ■ Writing Instructions:

1. Write the instructions for your exercise in the yellow area. For example: Read the following story and click on the words that you think should be capitalized. There are 10 mistakes in this story.
2. Proofreading only allows instant marking. Instant marking provides feedback immediately after every answer has been keyed in.

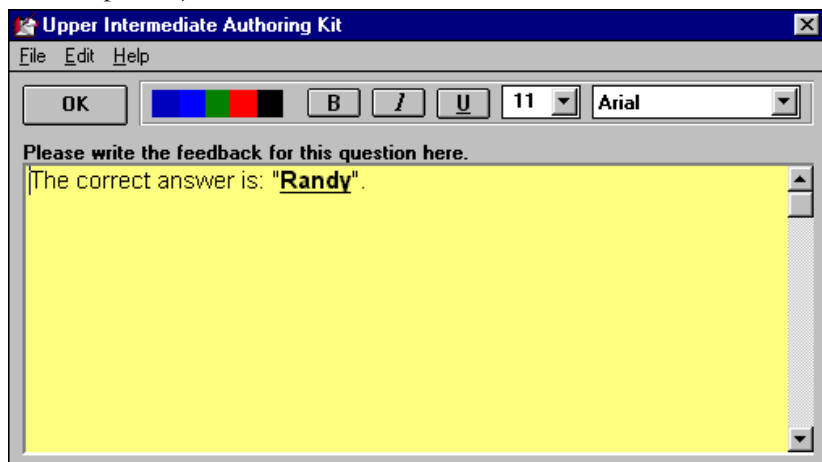


## ■ Adding target:

Highlight the word you want to select as a target. Change it to a mistake and click on **Add a target**. For example, in the first sentence “At work, Randy is a very friendly man...,” change “Randy” to “randy,” highlight “randy,” and click on **Add a target**. To cancel a target, select it and click on **Cancel a target** (see the above picture).

## ■ Adding feedback

Select a target. Click on **Feedback** to write a feedback for the selected word and click **OK**. For example, type “The correct answer is: Randy.”



## ■ Adding reading text:

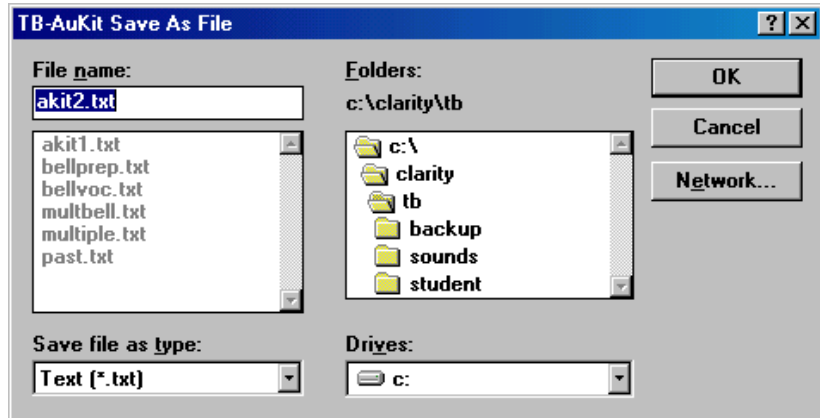
If you wish to add a reading text to complement the exercise, click on **Text** and key in your text

■ **Enhancing text:**

Enhance the file by adding colours and using bold, underline, italics, or font where necessary.

■ **Saving your exercise:**

1. Click on **Save** to save your exercise. By default, you will see that the folder Clarity\tb is open. Type in a file name that does not exceed eight characters and click **OK** so that your exercise is saved in the tb folder.

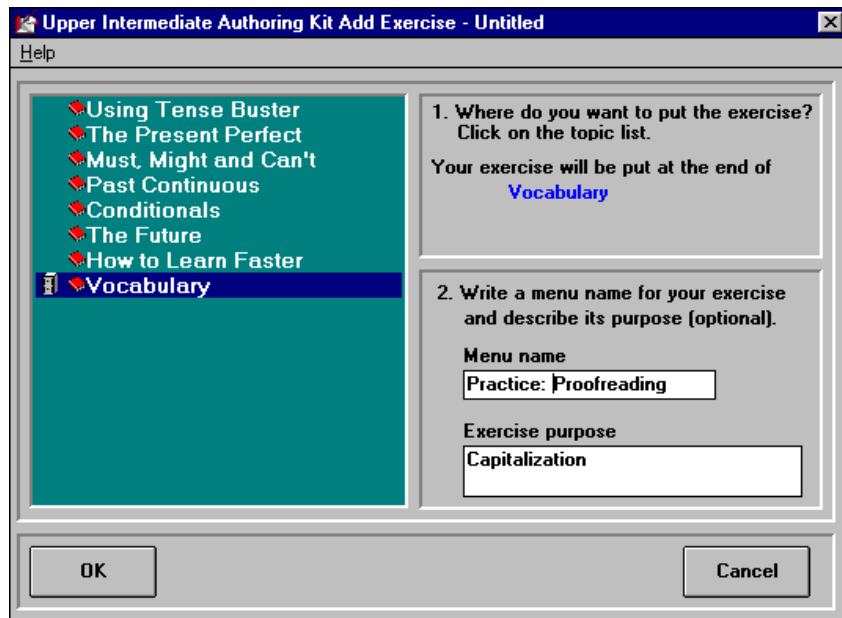


2. You could also save it on a floppy. Click **File | Save As**. In the **Drives** box, select A:. In the **File name** box, type in a file name that does not exceed eight characters and click **OK** (see picture).

■ **Adding exercise to Tense Buster database**

3. Click **Add Exercise** to add your exercise to the Tense Buster exercises. Click on **Vocabulary** to add the exercise under that topic.

4. In the **Menu name** box, key in a name for your exercise, for example, "Practice: Proofreading." In the **Exercise purpose** box, key in a short description for your exercise, for example "Capitalization."



5. Click **OK** and close the authoring program. A box will appear indicating that your exercise has been successfully added.



6. Click **Start | Programs | Clarity | Tense Buster Upper Intermediate** to test your exercise. Good luck!