

## How does the licensing work?

Tense Buster Online offers two forms of licensing. With a **Dedicated Licence** Clarity will set up a site specifically for your school - or you can host Tense Buster Online yourself. Either of these options means that you can:

- personalise the site to your institution;
- use Author Plus Teacher to add to or adapt the contents
- use Results Manager to track student activity.

Prices are per named student per year, with a minimum of fifty. You can change student names as the year progresses provided you have Results Manager Online and there is no limit to the total number of students who use the program over the year.

Let's look at an example where you run three courses per year with 50 students in each course. You buy a licence for 50 students. Either you input their names and passwords, or you can allow the students to do this themselves, the first time they use the program. At the end of the first course, you delete the students' names and begin the process again with the second group of students. Over the year you therefore give 150 students access with no more than 50 registered at any one time.



Alternatively, you may opt for a **Shared Licence**. In this case, Clarity hosts Tense Buster Online and you cannot track student activity or add to or adapt the activities. However, there is no requirement for you to register student names, and you can get simultaneous access for up to 50 students. A good example of when a Shared Licence is suitable is a language support department in a university. You may have 1,200 students any of which may at one time or another access the program. You do not know which of them will use it or when, but you are pretty sure that no more than 20 of them will be using it at any one time. You can therefore purchase a Shared Licence for 20 concurrent users. Should you discover that more than 20 regularly want to use Tense Buster at the same time, you can simply extend your licence up to a maximum of 50.

## How do I track student activity?

Results Manager enables teachers and administrators to see exactly what their students have done, when they did it, and how much time they spent. Clarity has recently published a brand new version of the software which provides the following main functions.

### Student management.

You can organise your students into groups and subgroups (eg year groups and classes) so that you can see the performance of a whole class in a single report. You can also paste in or import groups of students to save data entry time, or enable students to register themselves.

### Login options.

Results Manager allows you to decide which students can use the program (making sure you get the best use of your licences) and how they log in, for example whether they need to enter a password. When students forget their password, you can retrieve it!

### Reports

The central function of Results Manager is to provide reports on student activity. You can generate three main types of report (all with a number of variations).

1. Student reports focus on the performance of individual students. This report will tell you which activities a student has completed, the scores and the time spent.
2. Group reports focus on the performance of all the students within a group, additionally providing summaries and averages.
3. Content reports display the performance of all students who have attempted the exercises or units specified.



## Can I change the Tense Buster Online activities?

If you subscribe to a Dedicated Licence, you can add to or adapt the activities in Tense Buster using (optional) Author Plus Teacher. This program enables you open up the exercises in the standard version of Tense Buster and change them in any way you like: you might change the context for example, to fit in with a local place or situation. You might alter the focus slightly to cater to specific problems your students have been having with a grammar area. You might want to create brand new interactive activities to fit in with a project your class is working on.

The program includes a range of exercise types including:

gapfill multiple choice drag and drop listening comprehension reading comprehension true/false proofreading target spotting dropdown

All these exercises can be created quickly and easily, and all can be enhanced by feedback, hints, graphics, sound files and summary screens - just like the original Tense Buster Online.

Once you have created your new activity, it is quick and easy to upload it to the Tense Buster site using the Author Plus Upload program. Once this is installed, no knowledge of Internet protocols is required!

## Facts and figures

### Tense Buster...

is being used by thousands of schools and colleges in more than 110 countries around the world from New Zealand to Rwanda, Scotland to Argentina.

-includes more than 280 individual activities and, with Author Plus, the facility to add an unlimited number of your own.

-was described by IATEFL Journal as "effective, easy to use and systematic in its approach".

-includes detailed feedback in exercises to help students understand where they went wrong so they can avoid making the same mistakes in future.

-enables students not only to read the target language but also to listen to it.

-integrates easily into most English language curriculums as a supplementary resource.

-is certified for Curriculum Online, the UK Government's educational software initiative.

-comes with an optional Results Manager, enabling teachers to monitor student activity and progress.

-is Clarity's first and most popular program and has been continuously upgraded, developed, expanded and enhanced since 1993.

Link to a full classroom evaluation at  
[www.clarity.com.hk/curriculumonline](http://www.clarity.com.hk/curriculumonline)



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