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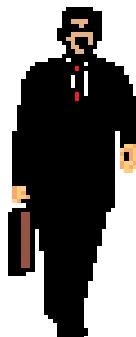


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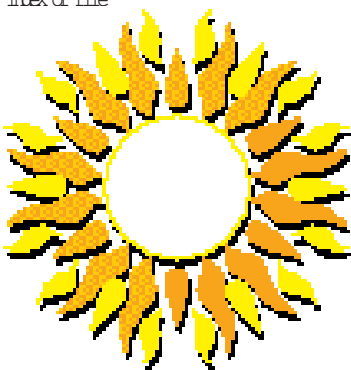
a range of subjects wide enough to make it of interest to everyone who uses illustrations.

The collection comes compressed onto eight discs, with a ninth disc containing a CFS reader, to decompress and display, and a copy of PickAPic, an excellent PD application which produces pages of thumbnails images. These can be printed out in colour or black and

catalogue and can also be used to select and load the originals. At present, a tenth disc of Image Club Volume 1, normally costing £29.95, is also included as a free bonus. There is a 72-page User's Guide containing a ready-made catalogue of black and white thumbnails showing the entire collection, and an alphabetical index of file

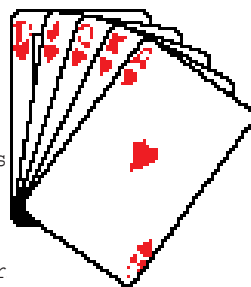


Peter Jennings reviews the best-selling PC and Apple image pack, now available for the Am.

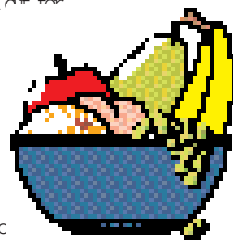


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two illustrations of an identical helmet, with and without a chin strap) but there is no cricket and just a single picture of a football for soccer. Similarly, the business section has 16 dollar symbols but not a single pound sign.

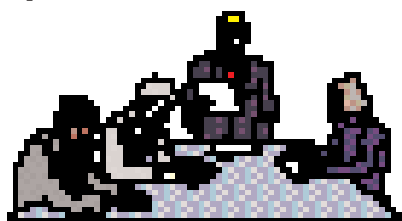


The collection is strong on such frequently used subjects as symbols, signs, borders, frames, banners, scrolls, stars and arrows. All ClickArt images are in full colour using a CMYK palette which makes it possible to create process colour separations for high quality commercial printing. The images are small but, as they are all Draw files, they can be scaled up to the required size without losing definition. Individual elements can be deleted or lifted out for separate use. Resizing may cause some loss of screen resolution as the monitor converts the CMYK palette to



The subjects are grouped into 38 categories, from Animals and Outdoors to Zodiac, taking in such diverse topics as Beauty and Health, Holidays and Occasions, Industrial and Types and Phrases.

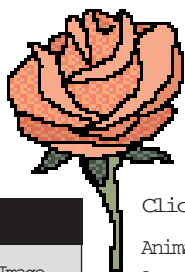
With such a wide range of categories it would be unrealistic to expect every one to include illustrations of every possible subject which could come under its heading. However, the American origin does mean that there are some notable omissions. In sport, for example, baseball and American football are both represented (the latter with



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an RGB display but the colours will still reproduce perfectly with the correct type of colour printer. More important for black and white users is that the images will also print out in professional grey scales.

The normal copyright rules



for clip art apply: the images may be freely used to illustrate documents, but not where the picture is the main element of the finished product (e.g. a poster). The pictures may not be

distributed electronically except where they are used as non-extractable illustrations in a multimedia presentation.

The price of £65 may appear high when compared to the cost of discs from a CD library, where quality is

PRODUCT INFO

Product	ClickArt Education Image Pack
Supplier	Matt Black 6 Henry Court Henry Street Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 2QG tel. 0733 315439 fax 0733 315212
Price	£65 + £2 p&p including a free site licence

ClickArt subjects

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Banners	Fitness	Road Signs
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Beverages	Framers	Sports
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usually mixed, but it compares very favourably with other professionally drawn clip art costing perhaps £30 for a single disc with just 50 or 60 black and white images. If you are a serious user of clip art and are prepared to pay for quality as well as quantity, ClickArt offers both in a collection with a range of subjects which should provide suitable illustrations for most needs. Other ClickArt packs are to follow.