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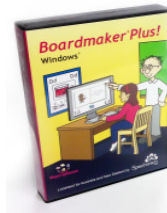


## Boardmaker Plus! v6 The Power of Plus



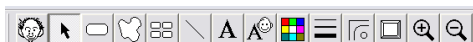
## The Power of Plus

- Symbolate
- Read with Highlighting
- Drag and Drop multimedia
- Moveable buttons
- Quick Record
- Quick Picture
- Set Button Picture

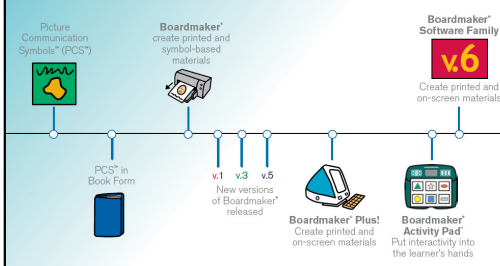


## Assumed Knowledge

- Use the button tool
- Spray the buttons
- Re-size, move and select buttons
- Search for pictures using the symbol finder
- Use the text tool



## The Evolution of Boardmaker\*



## Boardmaker v6 comes in three versions

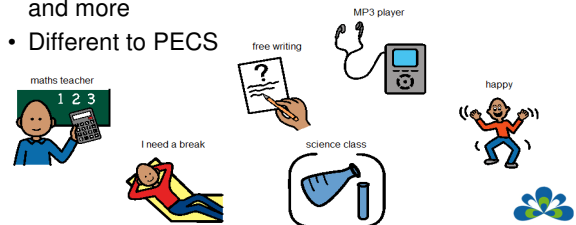
- Boardmaker
- Boardmaker Plus
- Boardmaker with Speaking Dynamically Pro



## Picture Communication Symbols

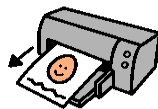
What are they?

- Stylised drawings of objects, activities, feelings and more
- Different to PECS



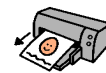
## Boardmaker

- Resource for making printable materials.
- Core library of 4500 symbols
  - Addendums
  - Import digital images and additional symbols



## Boardmaker Plus

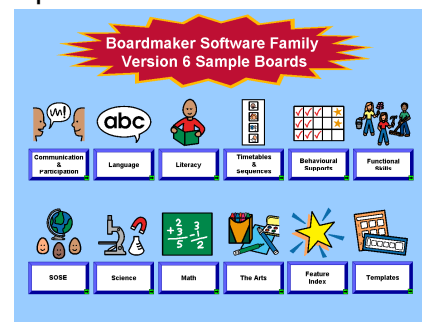
- Resource for making printable materials.
- Also allows you to make interactive on-screen activities.



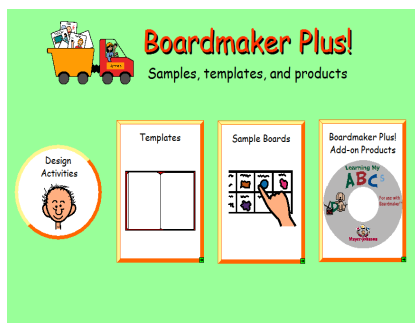
## Interactive Activities

- On-screen interactive activities
- Interactive talking books
- Songs
- Games
- Pop-Up Questions
- Assessments with feedback
- Plus Much, Much More!

## Sample Boards



## Sample Boards



## Boardmaker with Speaking Dynamically Pro

- Resource for making printable materials.
- Also allows you to make interactive on-screen activities.
- Includes Word Prediction and Abbreviation Expansion for writing and communication: eg. Word prediction – predicts spelling as you type.; Type abbreviation and expanded text will appear (GH – Hello, how are you?)
- Includes additional voice options



## PCS Addendums

- 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 & 2008
- 6000 extra symbols
- Build your symbol libraries



## Guess What!

If you already know the basics of Boardmaker you are 80% there!



## Let's take a look at Plus....

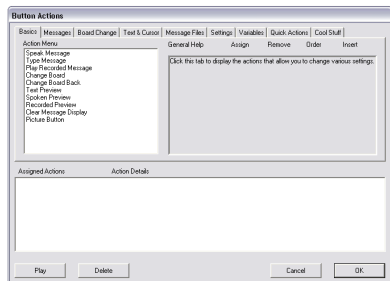


## Design and Use Mode

- Design Mode: Ctrl D
  - To design a board or edit
  - Toolbars and rulers
- Use Mode: Ctrl U
  - To make it interactive
  - Where you will test the activity
  - Where the user will access the activity
- Double Click on button to access BM+ menu

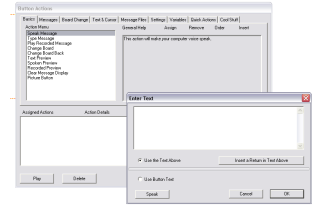


## Button Actions Menu



## Basic Actions....

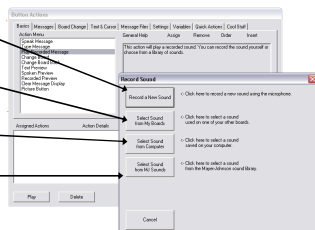
- Speak message
  - Use text above
  - Use button text
- Previews
  - Spoken Preview
  - Recorded Preview



## Play Recorded Message

- Record a new sound
- Select Sounds from My Boards
- Select Sound from Computer (my music etc)
- Select sound from MJ Sound Library

Can do multiple sounds!!!  
Sounds **MUST** be .wav files



## Symbolate

- Easier than ever to adapt text
- Simply type and symbols appear
- Use Read with Highlighting to offer additional reading support



## Changing Symbols:

When you enter a word into a Symbolate button, the system generates an ordered list of candidate symbols to represent the word, and the first symbol is automatically displayed.

- Hit the **F2** key to step forward through other symbol candidates
- The **F1** key steps backwards through the list (first option will be no symbol)
- With a word selected hit the **Esc** key, or if the Symbolate tool is selected, **double click** on the symbol you wish to change
- double click on any of the symbols in the window to use that symbol as a one time change
- click on the **Make Default** button to make the selected symbol the default word-symbol association



## Editing Symbolated Text:

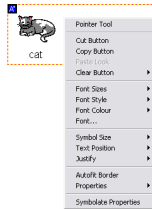
- To edit text in an existing Symbolate button, select either the **Symbolate Tool** or the **Text Tool**
- Click on text to be edited
- You can delete text by using **Backspace** or **Delete** keys
- To insert text, simply type
- As you insert text anywhere (but at the end of the Symbolate button) the text is re-symbolated as you type each letter
- Hold down the **Alt** key to stop symbolating – use this to change the text and insert spaces in a text/symbol pair without changing the symbol
- Hold down the underscore (**\_**) key to treat two or more words as a single word eg "Captain\_Cook"



## Symbolate Right Click Menu:

Access the right click menu by clicking within the Symbolate button when either the **Pointer Tool** or **Symbolate Tool** is selected

- **Symbol Size:**
  - **Make Smaller** – decrease height by 25%
  - **Make Larger** – increase height by 25%
- **Text Position:** **Top** or **Bottom** of symbol/s
- **Justify:** **Left**, **Centre** or **Right** within the Symbolate button
- Select the **Autofit Border** to fit the Symbolate button borders leaving a consistent margin around the text and symbol contents



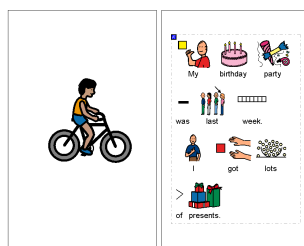
## Read with Highlighting

- For BM+ and BM SD Pro
- Double click with pointer tool selected
- Read with highlighting with or without text
- Speak message
- Highlight buttons settings under Dynamic Boards



## Let's make a News Book

- Symbolate
- Symbolate Candidate Menu
- Read with Highlighting
- Highlighting rules under dynamic buttons
- Use and Design mode
- Speak message
- Play recorded message – MJ sounds
- Spoken preview

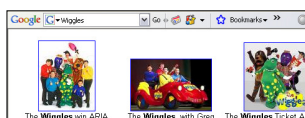


## Ideas????

- Talking Books
- Talking Photo Albums
- Book About Me
- Chat Book
- On screen testing with instructions

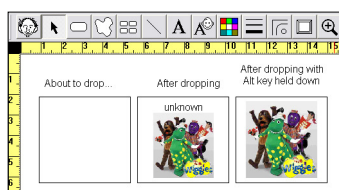


## Drag and Drop from the Internet:

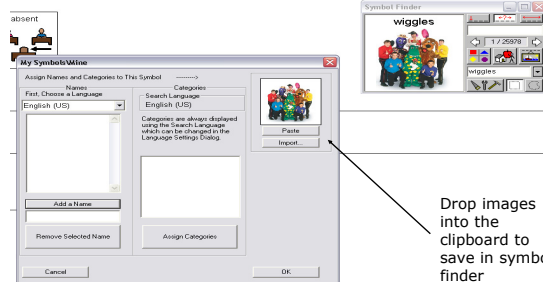


- Search for an image on the internet
- Click and drag the image over the desired button
- Release the mouse button

\*Note: Because the image did not have a name, "unknown" will be used. If there is a file name, that will be used as the label. If you prefer to have no label, hold down the **Alt** key when you drop the picture (or select "no labels" in the Symbol Finder settings).



## Drag and Drop into the Clipboard



**You can also drag and drop MULTIPLE IMAGES into the Clipboard!!!!**

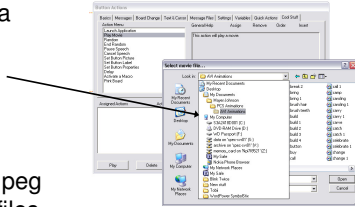
**Have a go!**



## Play a Movie

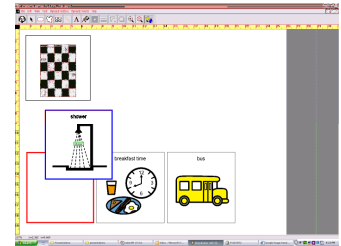
- Cool Stuff – play a movie
- Animation files
- Drag and Drop

MUST be .avi .mpeg  
.mpg or .wmv files

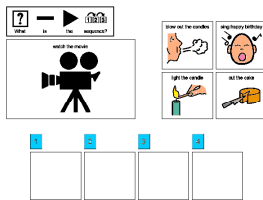


## Moveable Buttons:

- Are buttons that can be dragged around in Use mode and dropped in different regions of the screen, to destination buttons.



## Blowing out the candles



- Recorded preview
- Movable button properties
- Snap Back for incorrect action
- Clone movable button
- Centre on destination button
- Drag and drop movie file
- Play recorded sound with MJ sounds



## Websites

- [www.animationstation.com](http://www.animationstation.com)
- C:\Documents and Settings\katie\My Documents\Mayer Johnson\Boardmaker and PCS\PCS Animations\AVI Animations
- Can play sound on top of movies
- Can't play sound on top of animations
- How do you cycle animations and turn it off?
- Dynamic Boards/Button Selection



## Websites

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>

Allows you to edit sound files

<http://www.findsounds.com/>

Can search the net for sound files (.wav)



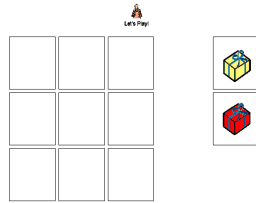
## Applications

- Sorting Activities
- Timetables and Sequences
- Recipes
- Matching Activities
- Language Activities



## Quick Picture

- Used when you want to clone any number of pictures into a location
- Quick Actions
- Copy to Quick Picture (picture you want to copy)
- Quick Picture (on destination button)
- Connect Four



## Quick Record

- Set to Quick Record
- Quick Record



## Applications

- Recording your news between work and home
- Recording messages for the teacher
- Presenting at assembly
- Recording a birthday message for a friend
- Recording the answers to a test
- Singing a song

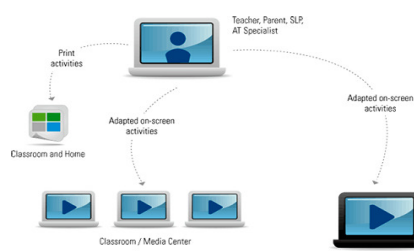


## What are your ideas??

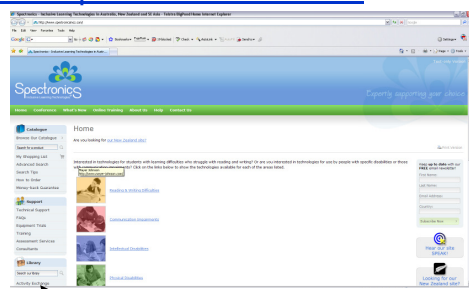
- Work in pairs to think about how you think Boardmaker Plus is applicable to your work.



## Boardmaker Plus Player



## [www.spectronicsinoz.com](http://www.spectronicsinoz.com)



Activity Exchange



## [www.adaptedlearning.com](http://www.adaptedlearning.com)



## Aussie Voice Add-On

- Realspeak Solo Karen and Lee
- High quality SAPI 5 voices



## [www.mayer-johnson.com](http://www.mayer-johnson.com)



## Online Training

- [www.spectronicsinoz.com/online training](http://www.spectronicsinoz.com/online training)
- Regular sessions on Boardmaker and Boardmaker Plus
- Ask about customised online training for groups

