A Potpourri of AAC Intervention Ideas

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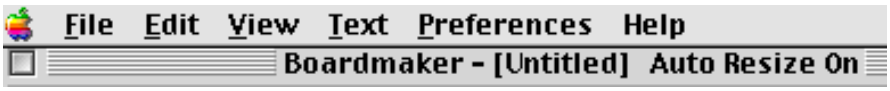
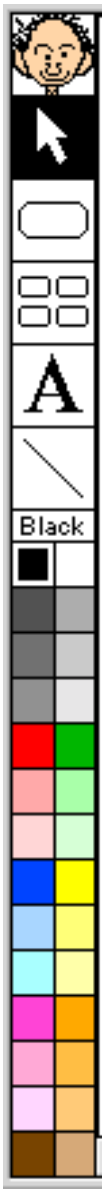
Smart Sheet for: BoardMaker Basics (Mac/Win)

Macintosh Menu Bar



Windows Menu Bar



Opening BoardMaker

Macintosh: Click on the apple in the upper left corner of the screen and drag down to BoardMaker.

Windows: Boardmaker may be located within the programs folder under the start menu **or** you open BoardMaker from the hard drive in My Computer.

Getting Started (Mac/Win)

- Go to "View" menu select "Reduce to Fit"
- Go to "View" menu select "Show Rulers"

Resize the window - Macintosh: Click on the box in the lower right corner of the window and drag to resize it to the screen.

Windows: Click on the maximize symbol located in the upper right corner of the window.

Make picture cells (Mac & Win)

Click on the cell tool. Move the arrow to the upper left corner of the page. Click and drag the mouse to create a picture cell. You can create a square by holding down the shift key while drawing your cell. Use the rulers as a guide to create cells to a specified size.

Make multiple cells (Mac & Win)

Click on the cell sprayer tool. Move the cursor arrow back to the cell you just made. Click and hold as you drag the arrow to the lower right corner of the screen.

Open pre-made grids (Mac & Win)

- While in Boardmaker, go to the file menu and click open.
- Inside the Boardmaker folder you will see multiple folders.
- Open the Pre-made grids folder, then click on ok.
- A number of folders containing pre-made grids will be shown.
- Look through the list of grids & select one by double clicking
- Use "Save as" immediately to save it under a new name

Finding Pictures (Mac & Win)

Click on the funny looking guy icon to go to the picture library.

Type the name of the picture you want. Click on "First". If you don't see the picture you want, click on "Next". Continue clicking "Next" until you find the picture you want. Try synonyms if necessary.

You can add more than one picture to a cell by going to the "Preferences" menu and turning "Auto resize" off. You may need to change the picture size in the library by changing "Picture Size" to less than 100%

Pasting Pictures to Your Board

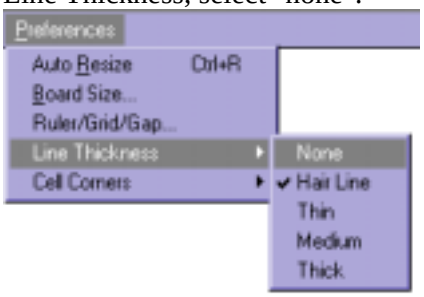
Macintosh: Click on the funny looking guy to return to your board. Click on the cell you wish to paste to. The picture will appear.

Windows: Click on draw to return to your board. Click the cell you wish to paste to. The picture will automatically appear.

Deleting Pictures (Mac/Win)

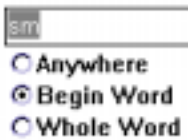
Under "Preferences" menu - turn "Auto resize off". Click on the picture you wish to delete. Press "delete" on the keyboard.

Eliminate lines around a picture cell (Mac/Win) – Select the cell you want to change by clicking once on it. Click on Preferences menu, drag to Line Thickness, select "none".



Search for articulation targets in the picture library (Mac/Win)

Find words beginning with initial blends by typing in the target blend (e.g. sm). Click on begin word. Click on first. Click next to find the next /sm/ word.



Note: Type over the text in a cell by clicking on the text tool. Then click on the text you want to change.