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How to Use a Make-a-Book Activity with Students

Introduction

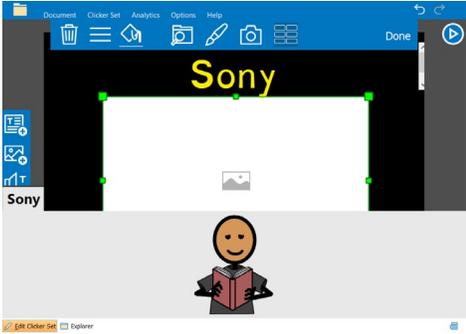
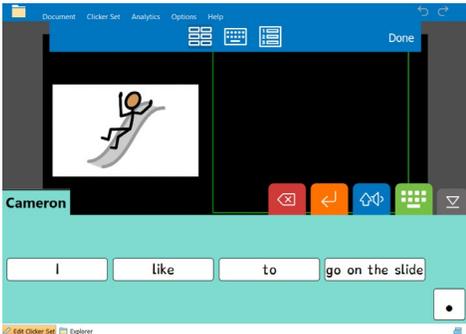
A Make-a-Book activity supports students in creating their own books by providing a picture grid for picture boxes, and word grids for textboxes. Templates for books on various topics can be found on LearningGrids.com by searching “Make a Book.” Depending on the learning needs, some books can be designed to include pictures and audio only, like the “Photo Album One” in Learning Grids, while others may include text, similar to the “Photo Album Two.” These templates can be customized to a preferred layout. The picture size and appearance of the textboxes can also be adjusted to meet the students’ needs.

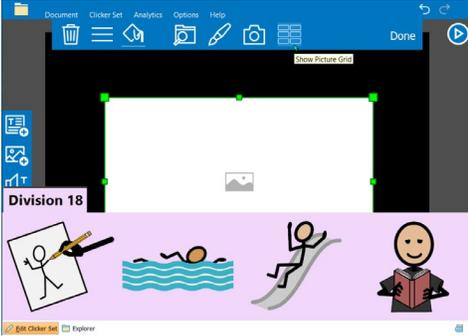
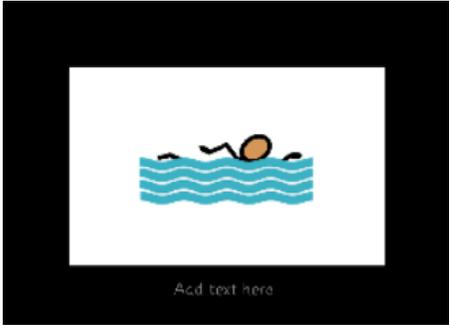
This tutorial assumes that you have:

- Completed the tutorial on “How to Customize a Make-a-Book Activity.”

Case Study

Koreen is a Grade 4 student who is non-verbal and has developmental delays. The school team wants her to be able to understand and share information about a topic of interest. They have set up a make a book activity for Koreen to have meaningful interactions with her peers.

Notes	Layout of the book in play mode	Working on the activity in edit mode
<p>To start working on the activity, make sure the file is in Edit mode.</p> <p>You should see the play icon on the top right.</p>	<p>The texts and pictures can be pre-filled for the students.</p> 	
<p>Click on the picture box, and then the picture grid icon. </p> <p>Select the picture from the picture grid.</p>	<p>Selecting a picture to fill in a picture box.</p> 	
<p>Click on the textbox to add text.</p> <p>The word grid will appear. Students can select the cells to build a sentence. The cells can be used in combination with the editing tools (backspace, next line, sound shift - for reading texts in the grid - and the on-screen keyboard).</p>	<p>Write a sentence to describe the picture.</p> 	

<p>Multiple pictures can be organized under the same picture grid.</p> <p>Click on a picture to select and add to the picture box.</p>	<p>Select a picture from the picture grid.</p> 	
<p>Multiple word grids can be made available for a page. The grids will show as multiple tabs.</p> <p>Similarly, multiple picture grids can be set up for a page.</p> <p>Texts and pictures can be put on different grids/tabs so students can focus on a smaller amount of information as they complete each page of the book.</p>	<p>Select from multiple word grids.</p> 	

Tip...

- Depending on the needs of the student, some books may not contain any texts. Students may record an audio message  to go along with the pictures.
- The Make-a-Book Activity could be a group project to include all students. Teachers can preload pictures of the class in the picture bank for the students to choose from. Students can take turns using the computer to record a message or type a sentence to go with their pictures. In celebration of the finished work, the class can present it to the school community.