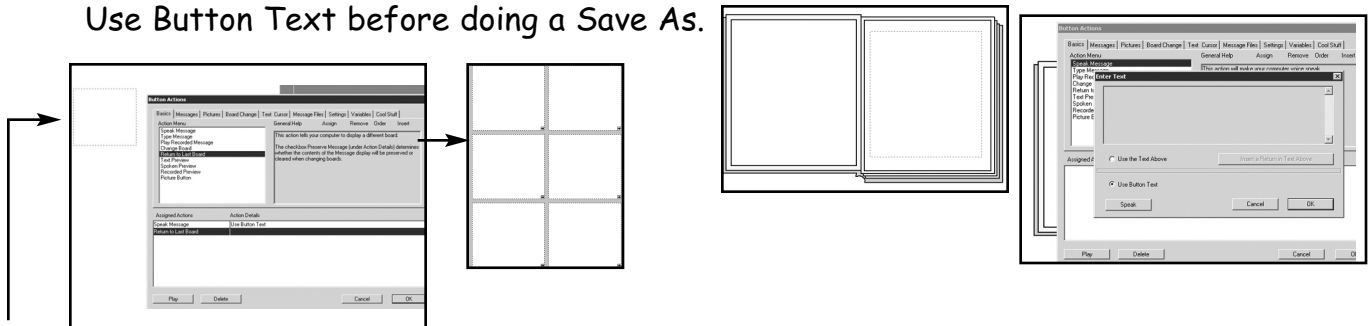


Boardmaker Plus Hints

1. Assign as many actions as you can before copying and pasting!:

- For example, when making a book, if you want each page to speak the text on the page, then on Page 1 (or the template) draw a cell, double click and assign Speak Text-Use Button Text before doing a Save As.

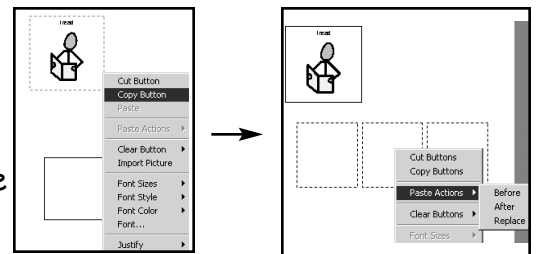


- As another example, when creating a Pop-Up Board, before spraying the first cell, double click and assign Speak Text-Use Button Text & Select Return to Last Board. Then you can spray the cell. Consequently, all additional cells in that Pop-Up Board will have the same actions.

2. If you want to copy an action from one cell to another or multiple other cells:

- Right-click on the cell select "Copy Button."

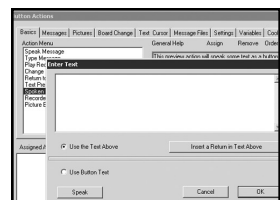
- Right-click on the cell(s) you want to copy the action to and select "Paste Action."



- Decide if you want to paste that action first, last or replace the current actions currently assigned to that cell.

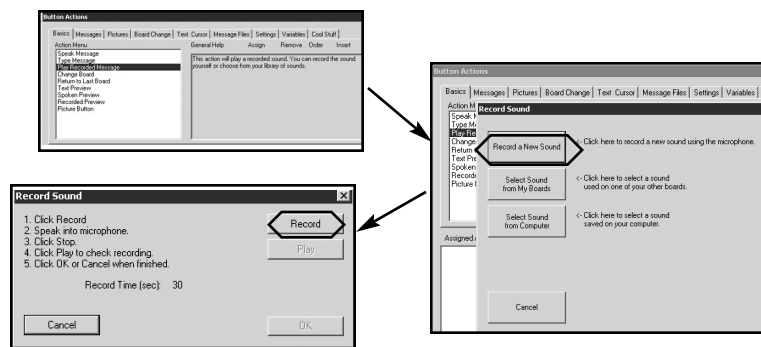
3. If you would like the button to talk when you glide over it (rather than click on it):

- Double click on the cell.
- Select "Spoken Preview."
- Either type what you would like the preview to be or select "Use Button Text."



4. To record your own voice onto a button:

- Double click on the cell.
- Select "Play Recorded Message."
- Select "Record New Sound."
- Record.
- Select "OK."
- Name the sound.



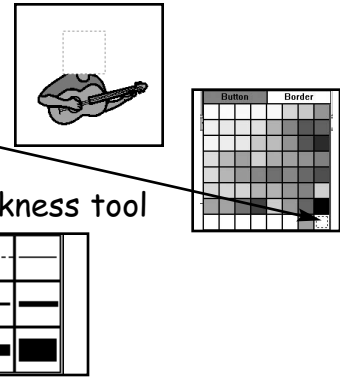
5. If you decide after the fact that you want a cell around an item, make an invisible button:

a. Use your button tool to draw a cell over the item.

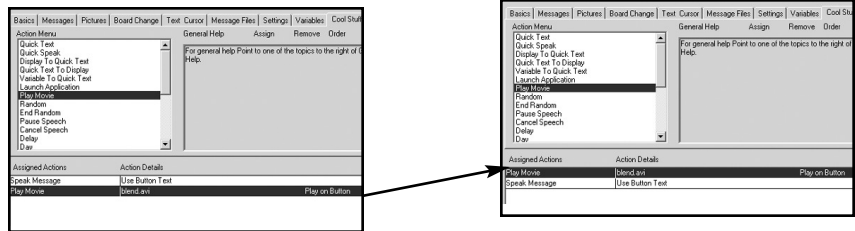
b. Make the cell transparent by going to the color tool and selecting the dotted square (bottom right corner).

c. Make the border invisible by going to the line thickness tool and selecting the dotted line (top left).

d. Double click and assign actions.



6. You can switch the order of assigned actions by just selecting the action and dragging it to the order you'd like it.



7. Don't Forget...Everything that you want to link together must live in the same folder. My recommendation is to make a collection of folders in the My Boards folder for each activity that you create.

8. Be careful...Return to Last Board can be a trap! Remember you have to have been somewhere first to return to it. You're better off selecting "Change Board" and telling the button exactly what page you want it to return to!

9. To randomize the order of an multi-page activity:

a. Double click on the cell and select Cool Stuff-Random.

b. Select Change Board- and select the activity you want it to go to.

c. Do step b for each of the pages in the activity.

d. Select Cool Stuff-End Random.

e. This makes games and activities more random in nature and less predictable!

