

# Boardmaker Resources

## Quick Guide

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A guide to web sites you can browse to get ideas and resources for Boardmaker, both commercially and free.  
From some sites, you may be able to download resources. Some resources may need to be 'unzipped' or imported into BM6

| Resource   | URL   | Description   | Downloadable Resources   |
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| Teaching Learners with Multiple Special Needs          | <a href="http://www.teachinglearnerswithmultipleneeds.blogspot.com/2008/02/free-boardmaker-boards-and-activities.html">http://www.teachinglearnerswithmultipleneeds.blogspot.com/2008/02/free-boardmaker-boards-and-activities.html</a> | Great blog page with links to many free Boardmaker boards, activities and tutorials   | A wide selection of downloadable resources and useful links  |
| Pre – Kindergarten Exceptional Student Education Miami | <a href="http://prekese.dadeschools.net/BMD/bmplus.html">http://prekese.dadeschools.net/BMD/bmplus.html</a>   | Really great site loads of ideas and the Boards to download very nice adaptations of song and story boards.                       | Teacher Resource Room has huge collection of resources for BoardMaker 5, including daily schedules, song boards, communication boards, choice boards, etc. |
| Baltimore City   | <a href="http://www.bcps.k12.md.us/boardmaker/adapted_library.asp">http://www.bcps.k12.md.us/boardmaker/adapted_library.asp</a>   | Database of adapted books. Great resource!  | Search the database to find files of Boardmaker symbols for lots of books  |
| CALL Scotland, University of Edinburgh                 | <a href="http://www.callscotland.org.uk">http://www.callscotland.org.uk</a>   | Detailed information on augmentative communication and assistive technology, with a particular emphasis on use in the curriculum. | Boardmaker resources and grids, papers discussing use of Boardmaker and use in interactive story telling.  |
| SET-BC (Canada)  | <a href="http://www.setbc.org/setbc/communication/communication_bmaker_resources.html">http://www.setbc.org/setbc/communication/communication_bmaker_resources.html</a>   | One of the best special education sites, well organised, with lots of useful resources  | Includes Boardmaker files and some demonstration movies  |
| Pre-school Education Program, Maryland (USA)           | <a href="http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/pep/teachercreate.html">http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/pep/teachercreate.html</a>   | Collection of resources created by teachers.  | Lots of Boardmaker, Intellipics and Intellitalk files.   |

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| Mayer Johnson Inc (USA)  | <a href="http://www.mayer-johnson.com/">http://www.mayer-johnson.com/</a>  | Commercial information on Boardmaker and additional Boardmaker resources with other software, communication aids, books and other products distributed by Mayer Johnston   | Downloadable Boardmaker symbol libraries, software updates and pre-made grids for communication aids.  |
| Mayer Johnson Inc (USA)  | <a href="http://www.mayerjohnson.com/TipsAndTriks.aspx?DirID=Boardmaker">http://www.mayerjohnson.com/TipsAndTriks.aspx?DirID=Boardmaker</a>  | Tutorials on creating Boardmaker resources and ideas on how to use them.   | Mixture of PowerPoint and PDF files.   |
| Widgit software          | <a href="http://www.widgit.com/mayer-johnson/products/boardmaker.htm">http://www.widgit.com/mayer-johnson/products/boardmaker.htm</a>  | Widgit is now the main UK distributor of Boardmaker and add-on resources. The Widgit site is a very rich site comprising product details, symbol related publications, price lists etc. free downloads, news and links to other interesting symbol related web sites<br><br>Also how to contact the UK Support Team on: 01223 425558 or email <a href="mailto:support@widgit.com">support@widgit.com</a> | Huge numbers of free downloads using Widgit symbols, some for PCS  |
| Speaking of Speech (USA) | <a href="http://www.speakingofspeech.com/">http://www.speakingofspeech.com/</a>  | An interactive forum for speech/language pathologists and teachers to improve communication skills in schools. Several discussion groups for the exchange of tips.   | Boardmaker (and other) resources (worksheets re speech and literacy) downloadable as PDF files, in the materials exchange section.                                     |
| Yahoo Groups             | If you are already signed up with Yahoo, you can go directly to <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/boardmaker">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/boardmaker</a><br>Otherwise <a href="http://www.yahoo.com/">http://www.yahoo.com/</a> | Open Yahoo and register. Then search for Groups. On this page, click to join a group on the line that says "Find a group" and type in Boardmaker   | Ongoing discussion forum about using Boardmaker and finding resources. At time of writing there were 9 groups on offer who share resources and ideas using Boardmaker. |