



# Boardmaker 7 Getting Started Guide

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This guide is a combination of individual Quick Guides. It contains the basic step-by-step guides needed to begin using your Boardmaker 7 subscription.




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# Boardmaker 7 Subscription Components

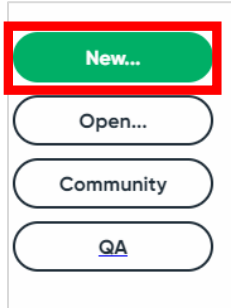
Boardmaker 7 contains 3 components, an installed editor, a website, and the Student Center app. This quick guide describes the features available in each component.

Boardmaker 7 Installed Editor	Boardmaker Website	Boardmaker 7 Student Center
<p><b>Create</b></p> 	<p><b>Manage</b></p> 	<p><b>Play</b></p> 
<p>Create activities Edit activities Access and edit Activities-to-Go</p>	<p>Find cloud stored activities Access Boardmaker Community Create student accounts View student data Manage Activities Access Curricula</p>	<p>Play student assignments Play activities in instructor playlists Play activities from myBoardmaker.com</p>

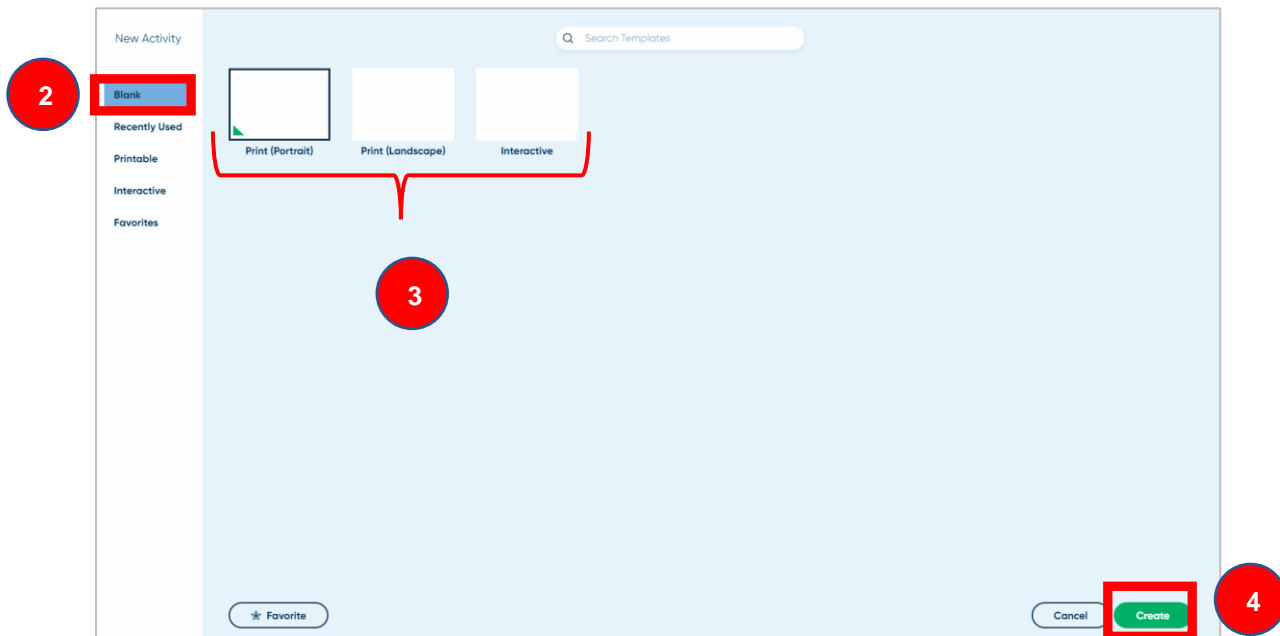
# Create from a Blank Canvas in Boardmaker 7

Creating from a blank page allows you to create custom activities for your learner. This quick guide provides instructions on how to create a Boardmaker activity from a blank canvas.

1. Select **New** on the Boardmaker dashboard.

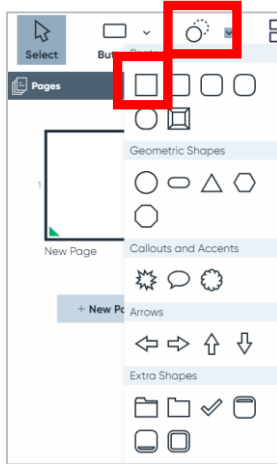


2. Select **Blank**.
3. Select the **thumbnail** for the desired orientation.  
NOTE: Interactive is for activities intended for computer display.
4. Select **Create**.



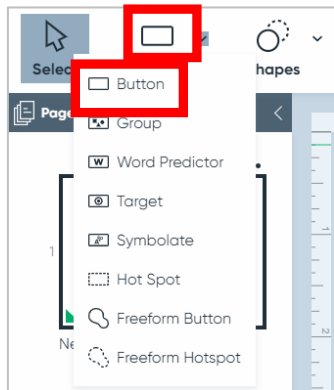
## Create Buttons on a Blank Canvas

1. Select the **Shape Tool** and select a button shape if desired.



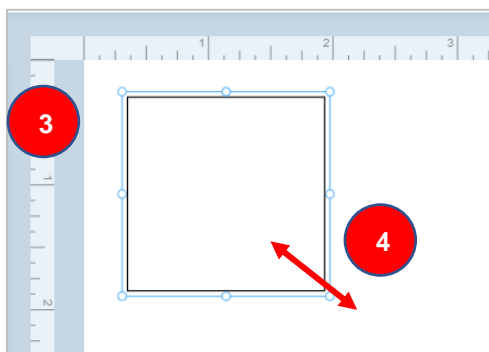
**NOTE:** You can also change the button shape in activity settings.

2. Select the **Button tool** from the tool bar and select a **button type**.

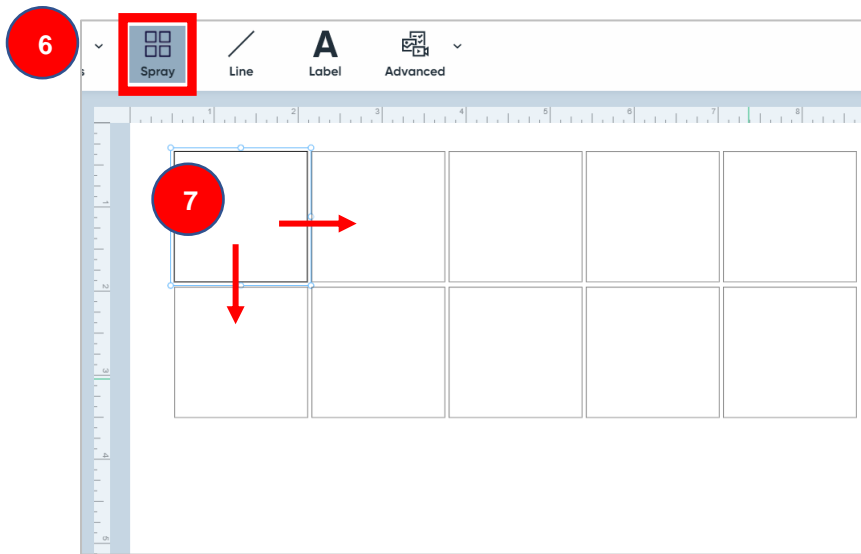


**NOTE:** See the Boardmaker 7 User Manual for additional information on button types.

3. Click in the white space to draw a button.
4. Drag the button handles to resize.
5. Click and drag the button to the desired place on the page.



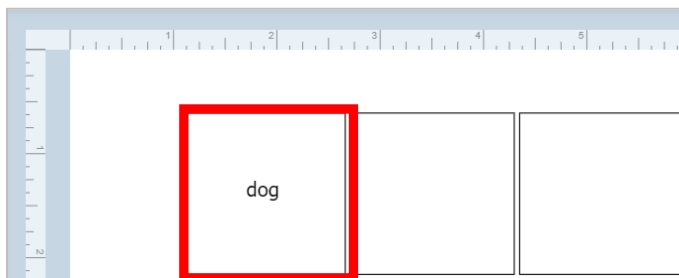
6. To duplicate the button, select the **Spray Tool** in the toolbar.
7. Place your cursor on the existing button on the page. Click and drag your mouse across the page to spray a grid of buttons.



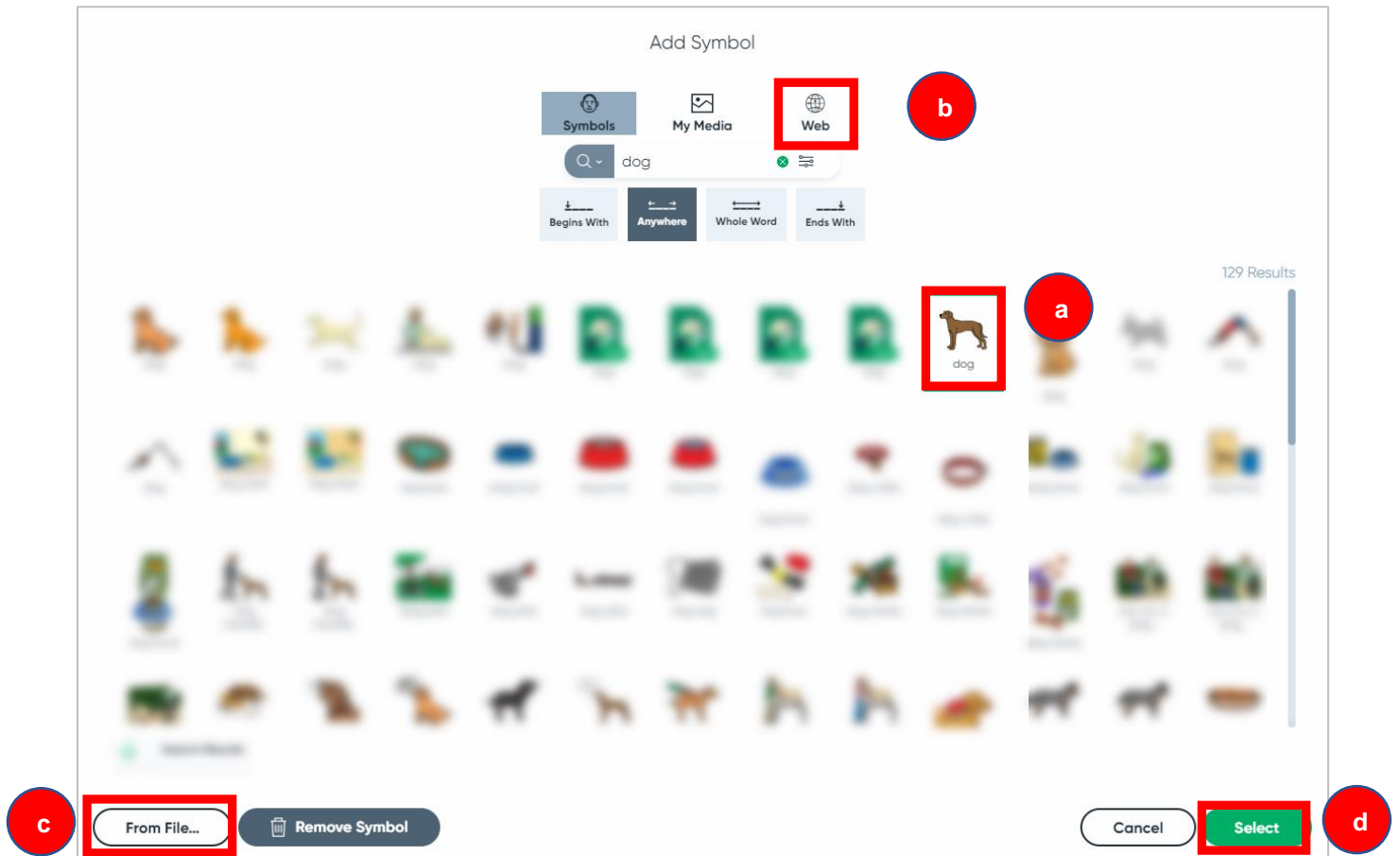
**NOTE:** Buttons selected will have a blue “fence” around the button. A button must be selected to edit it.

## Add Content to Buttons

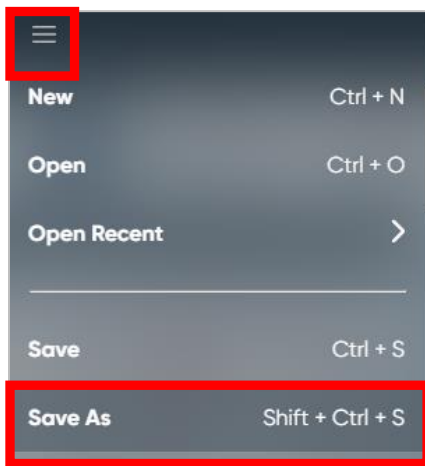
1. Select a **button** and type a label using your keyboard. Select **Enter/Return** on your keyboard.



2. Select an image to add to the button.
  - a. To add a symbol to the button, select the **desired symbol**.
  - b. To add a digital image from the web, select the **Web Button** and select a **web image**.
  - c. To add an image from the computer, select **From File** and select the digital image from the computer.
3. Choose **Select**. This process is called edit in place.



4. Repeat steps 1-3 to fill in all buttons on the page.
5. To save your activity, select the **three bars** in the top left corner. Select **Save As**.



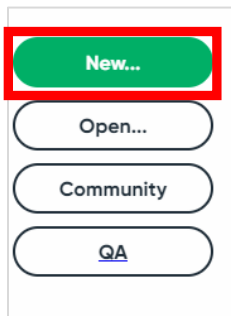
NOTE: See additional Quick Guides for more information on button properties, actions, and settings.

# Create from a Template in Boardmaker 7

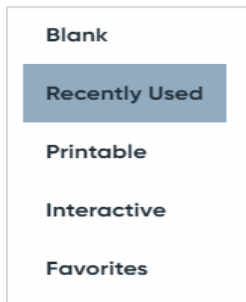
A Boardmaker template provides the structure of the activity, including the actions that make the activity interactive. Use Boardmaker to quickly create engaging activities. This quick guide provides instructions on how to create print and interactive activities from a Boardmaker template.

## Select a Template

1. Select **New** on the Boardmaker dashboard.



2. Choose a template option.



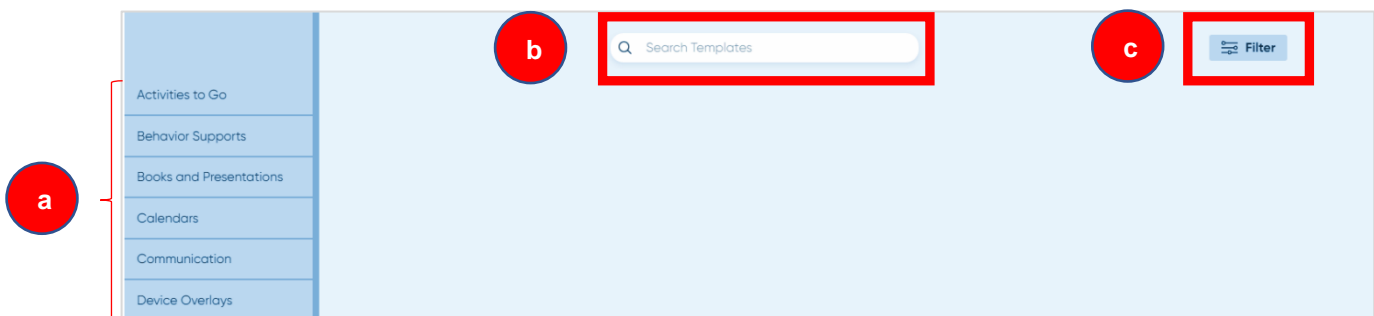
**Recently Used**- most recent templates used

**Printable**- templates designed to be printed

**Interactive**- templates designed to be used on the computer, interactive whiteboard, iPad, or Tobii device. Includes templates that collect data.

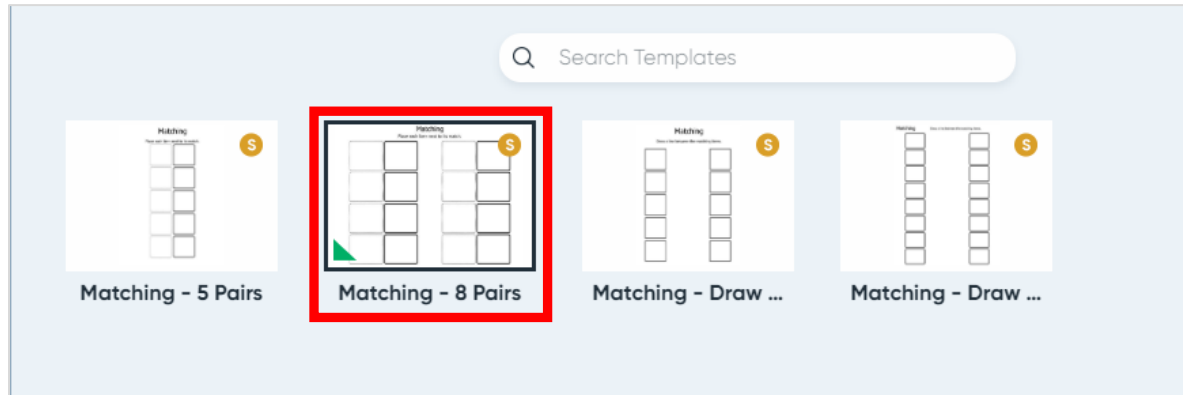
**Favorites**- templates you have starred

3. Narrow the template selection by
  - a. Choosing a category
  - b. Typing in the search bar
  - c. Using the filter feature.





4. Select a template.



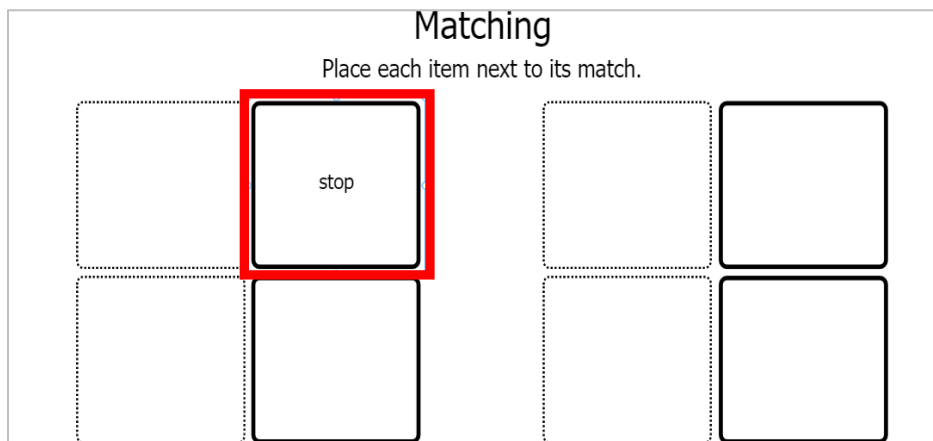
5. Select **Create from Sample** to edit a pre-made sample. Select **Create** to create from a blank template.



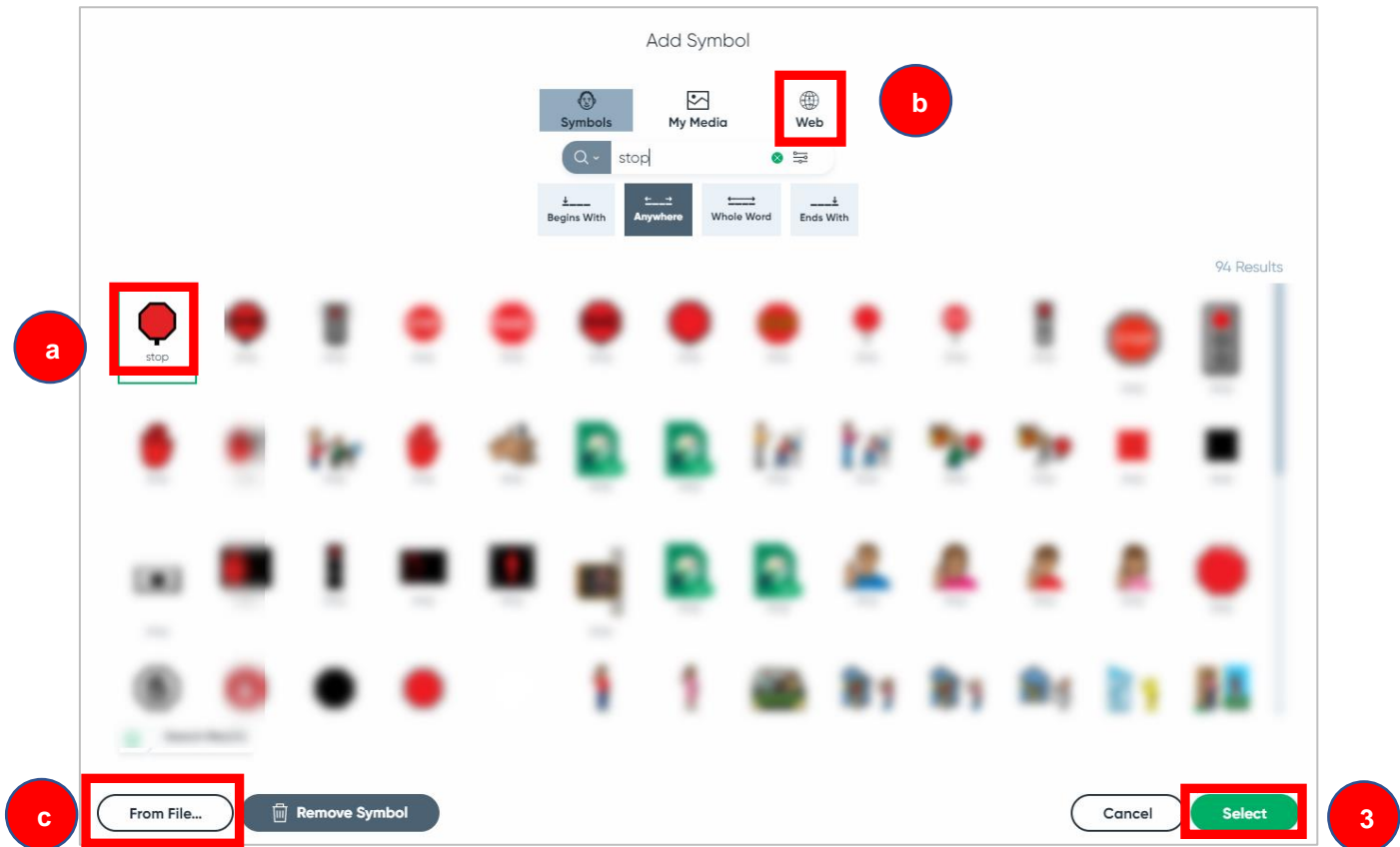
## Edit-in-Place Templates

Most templates in Boardmaker are edit-in-place templates. If the template is an edit-in-place template, directions for completing the template will be visible on the template in edit mode. Follow the directions to complete the activity. If you do not see directions on the first page, select subsequent pages on the page panel to find the directions.

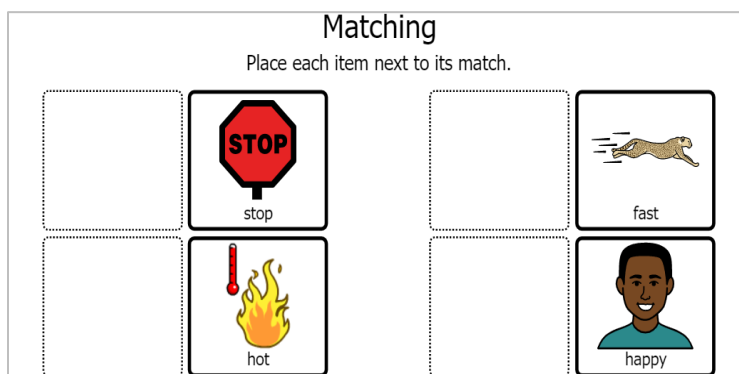
1. Select a button and type a label using your keyboard. Select **Enter/Return** on your keyboard.



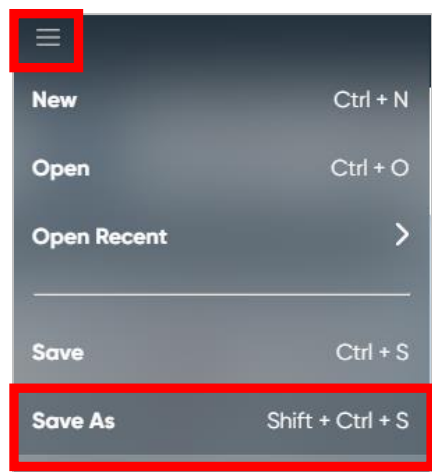
2. Select an image to add to the button.
  - a. To add a symbol to the button, select the **desired symbol**.
  - b. To add a digital image from the web and select the **Web Button** and select a **web image**.
  - c. To add an image from the computer, select **From File** and select the digital image from the computer.
3. Choose **Select**. This process is called edit in place.



4. Repeat steps 1-3 to fill in all buttons on the template.



5. To save your activity, select the **three bars** in the top left corner. Select **Save As**.



NOTE: See additional Quick Guides for more information on button properties, actions, and settings.

## Table-Based Templates

If the template is a table-based template, the Activity Settings chart will appear when you open the template.

NOTE: Most table-based templates have this symbol  in the thumbnail when you choose the template.

1. Select **Edit Content** to open a new table and fill in the content for the activity.

Name	Value	Description
1 Item List:	Edit Content...	Enter the list of up to 10 pairs of pictures for the game here.
2 Show Cards Face Up:	No	Show the cards face up, like in matching game? No means the cards will be turned over in pairs, like a Concentration game.
3 Show Label:	Yes	Do you want to show the label on the face of the button? If not, just the picture or symbol will be shown.
4 Speak Label:	Yes	Do you want the name of each button to be spoken when a button is selected?
5 Show Stop Button:	Yes	Do you want the student to be able to leave the activity before completing it?
6 Highlight Color:		The highlight color that will be used for selected buttons
7 Font:	Verdana, 18pt, Regular	The font to be used on the buttons for this activity
8 Font Color:		The font color to be used on the buttons.
9 Background Color:		The background color to be used for the buttons in this activity

2. Select the **pencil tool** to add a label, symbol, or sound to each section of the table. Use the column headings to determine what goes in each column of the table.
3. Repeat this process to complete the table. Select **Save** when complete.

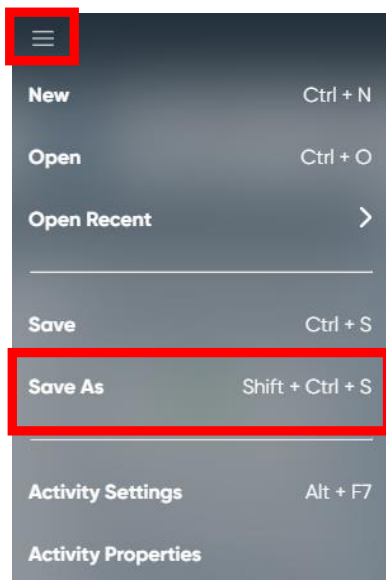
**NOTE:** View the populated sample of the template to determine which columns you want to edit.

4. Select the **pencil tool** to change other settings in the table. Read the description to determine the editable settings for the activity.  
NOTE: Select **Try It** to view the activity with the edited settings.
5. Select **Save**.

Name	Value	Description
1 Item List:	Edit Content...	Enter the list of up to 10 pairs of pictures for the game here.
2 Show Cards Face Up:	No	Show the cards face up, like in matching game? No means the cards will be turned over in pairs, like a Concentration game.
3 Show Label:	Yes	Do you want to show the label on the face of the button? If not, just the picture or symbol will be shown.
4 Speak Label:	Yes	Do you want the name of each button to be spoken when a button is selected?
5 Show Stop	Yes	Do you want the student to be able to leave the activity before completing it?
6 Highlight Color:		The highlight color that will be used for selected buttons
7 Font:	Verdana, 18pt, Regular	The font to be used on the buttons for this activity
8 Font Color:		The font color to be used on the buttons.
9 Background Color:		The background color to be used for the buttons in this activity

**NOTE:** This saves the settings for the activity. It does not save the activity to a computer.

6. To save your activity, select the **three bars** in the top left corner. Select **Save As**.



NOTE: To return to the table and make additional changes, select the **three bars** in the top left corner and select **Activity Settings**.

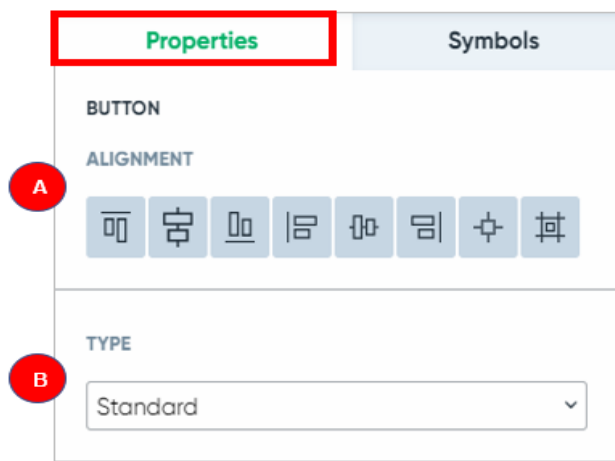
# Customize Buttons and Pages Using the Properties Panel

The properties panel is a tool that allows you to customize the look, feel, and actions of your Boardmaker 7 activities. Each button type and page allow for specific properties. This quick guide provides descriptions for many of the properties in the Properties Panel.

## Standard Button Properties in the Properties Panel

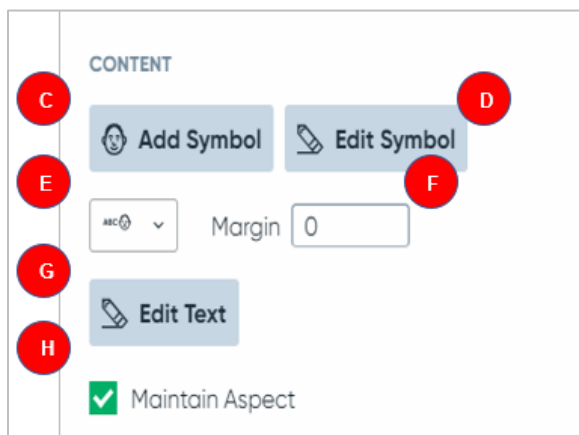
NOTE: The properties panel is accessible when an activity is in Edit mode in the Boardmaker 7 Editor.

### Button and Type Properties



- A. Alignment-** Choose how the button aligns to the page. Options from left to right include top, horizontal center, bottom, left, vertical center, right, center, align to grid. NOTE: If multiple buttons are selected, the alignment is determined by the button that was selected first.
- B. Type:** Determine a button type. NOTE: Each button type has unique properties.
- **Standard:** Holds a symbol and a label
  - **Symbolate:** Automatically populates a symbol for each word typed in the button.
  - **Word Predictor:** Predicts a word based on the previous 2 words typed. Used mainly for writing activities.
  - **Group:** Holds multiple symbols and allows you to adjust the size of the symbol(s) relative to the button.

### Content Properties



- C. Add Symbol:** Opens a symbol search.
- D. Edit Symbol:** Opens the Symbol Editor.
- E. Symbol Layout:** Choose the layout for the symbol and label. Label on top, Label on bottom, Symbol only, Label left, Label right, Label only.
- F. Margin:** Type in a number to customize the amount of space between the symbol and button border
- G. Edit Text:** Opens a text editor with the label text. NOTE: Text can be edited using other properties in the Properties Panel.
- H. Maintain Aspect:** When selected maintains the width to height ratio for the symbol.

## Font Properties

**FONT**

**I** Acme-Regular **J** 14 ▾

**K** **B** ***I*** **U**

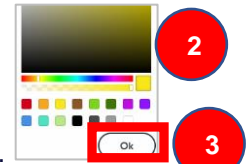
**L** ▬ ▬ ▬

**M** ABC ABC ABC

**N** Font Color 


**O** Font Highlight Color


- I. Font-** Choose a font from the dropdown menu.
- J. Font Size-** Type a font size in the box or choose from the dropdown menu.
- K. Font Style:** Choose bold, italicized, and/or underlined if desired.
- L. Horizontal align:** Choose an alignment button to align text to the left, center, or right of the label button.
- M. Vertical align:** Choose an alignment button to align text to the top, center, or bottom of the label button.
- N. Font Color:** Choose a color for the text.
  1. Select the black box.
  2. Select a color.
  3. Select Ok.
- O. Font Highlight Color:** Choose a color to highlight the text. Follow instructions for Font Color above to select a color.



## Background Properties

**BACKGROUND**

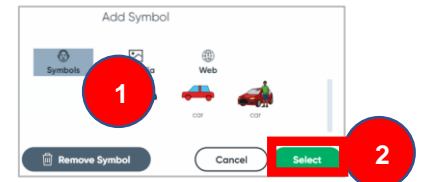
**P**  Add Symbol

**Q**  Remove Image

**R** Fill  Gradient Color  **S**

**T** No Gradient ▾


- P. Add Symbol:** Add a symbol to the selected button background. Select to open the symbol window.
  1. Select a symbol or digital image.
  2. Select **Ok**.
- Q. Remove Image-** Delete a background image from the button.
- R. Fill:** Select a color to fill the background of the button. Follow instructions for Font Color above to select a color.
- S. Gradient Color:** Select a secondary color for gradient. Follow instructions for Font Color above to select a color.
- T. Gradient:** Select from the dropdown to add a gradient pattern to the background color.



## Style Properties

**STYLE**

U Border  Size (pt)  V

W Solid  X  

U. **Border:** Select a Border color.

V. **Size:** Type a number into the text box to make the border thicker or thinner.

W. **Border Style:** Select the Solid drop down to choose dots or dashes for your button border.

X. **Button Shape:** Select the circle dropdown to change your button shape.

## State Properties

**STATE**

Y ☐ Disabled ☐ Hidden

☒ Selectable ☐ Locked

Y. **State:** Change how the student will interact with the button.

NOTE: Most users do not change this property. The software will auto select a state.

- Disabled: visible with a gray overlay but not selectable in Play mode
- Hidden: not visible or selectable in Play mode
- Selectable: visible and selectable in Play mode
- Locked: button is not selectable in the Editor


## Advanced Properties

**ADVANCED**

Z Object Name

AA Drag Type

AB Audio Cue

AC  Actions

Z. **Object Name:** Used for programming. Leave as the default unless you are a super advanced user.

AA. **Drag Type:** Leave as the default. Movable buttons will be released in a future version of Boardmaker.

AB. **Audio Cue:** Type a short word or message that will play when the student scans the button (scanning must be enabled in User Settings) or when Audio Cue is selected in User Settings.

AC. **Actions:** Select the Actions Button to program actions for the button. See Add Actions to an Activity in Boardmaker 7 Quick Guide for detailed instructions.



## Additional Page Properties

### Content

The screenshot shows a panel titled 'CONTENT'. It contains two settings: 'Layout' with a dropdown menu showing a grid icon, and 'Margin' with a text input field containing the number '0'. Red circles with letters 'A' and 'B' are placed to the left of the 'Layout' and 'Margin' labels respectively.

- A. **Layout:** Use the dropdown to choose a layout for buttons on the page.
- **Freeform:** auto-formatting not applied
  - **Auto-center:** arranges buttons in the center of the page
  - **Auto-grid:** arranges buttons in rows or columns starting from the top left
  - **Circular:** arranges buttons in a circle around the center of the page or group
  - **Grid:** creates a custom grid with a specified number of columns and rows
- B. **Margin:** Type a number to change the amount of space between the buttons and the edge of the page

## Additional Symbolate Button Properties

### Content

The screenshot shows a panel titled 'CONTENT'. It contains five settings: 'Margin' with a text input field containing '0', 'Symbolate' with a dropdown menu showing 'All', 'Symbol Location' with a dropdown menu showing 'On Top', 'Symbol Height' with a text input field containing '35', and 'All Same Width' with an unchecked checkbox. A 'Word List' button is located at the bottom right. Red circles with letters 'C' through 'H' are placed to the left of the settings and next to the 'Word List' button.

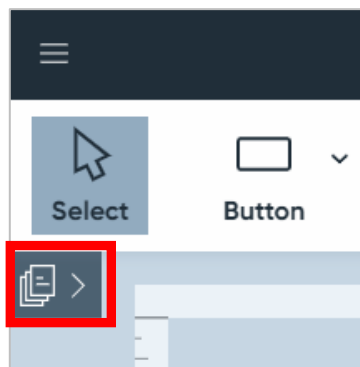
- C. **Margin:** Type a number to change the amount of space between the symbolated words and the edge of the Symbolate button.
- D. **Symbolate:** Choose which words are symbolated
- **All:** Symbolate all words with symbols
  - **Nouns:** Symbolate only nouns
  - **Verbs:** Symbolate only verbs
  - **Adjectives:** Symbolate only adjectives
  - **Content Words:** Symbolate only nouns, verbs, adjectives, and some common adverbs
  - **Words on List:** Symbolate only words indicated on the Word list (see H below)
  - **Words Not on List:** Symbolate all words not on the Word List (see H below)
  - **Non-Common Words:** Symbolate only words not on the list of common words (see user manual for a common word list)
- E. **Symbol Location:** Choose if the symbols will be located on top of the word or on bottom.
- F. **Symbol Height:** Type a number to make the symbols smaller or larger.
- G. **All Same Width:** Select the box to space all words evenly from each other
- H. **Word List:** Select to type in words that should or should not be symbolated (see D above)

# Create a Multipage Activity with Multiple Boardmaker 7 Templates

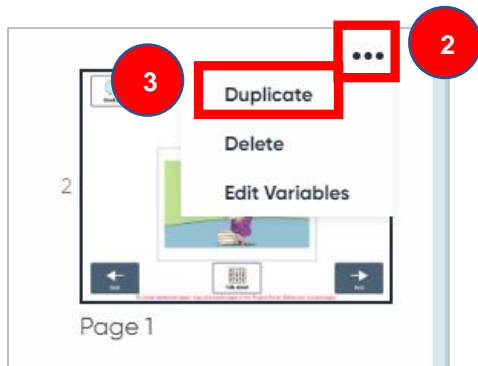
Boardmaker allows you to copy pages, add pages, and use multiple templates in the same activity. For example, while creating an interactive book, you might want to add pages to the book or add a one-page labeling activity to check for understanding. Use Boardmaker to quickly add pages and an additional one-page check for understanding activity into the book. This quick guide provides instructions on how to add pages, copy pages, and add multiple one-page templates into a Boardmaker 7 activity.

## Copy a Page in the Boardmaker 7 Editor

6. From the Boardmaker editor, select the **Page Panel**.

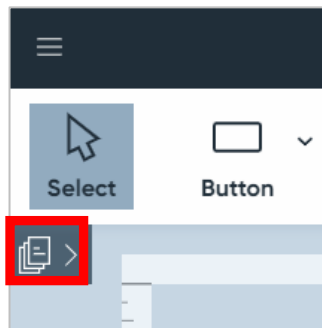


7. Hover over the page you want to copy and select the **three dots** that appear above the thumbnail.
8. Select **Duplicate**. A duplicate copy of the selected page will be added to the page panel.



## Add Pages to a Boardmaker Activity

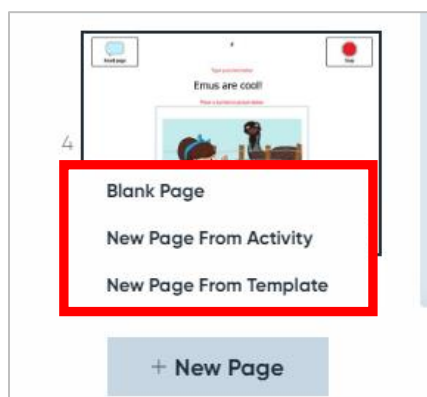
9. Open the **Page Panel**.



10. Select **New Page** at the bottom of the screen.



11. Select the type of new page to add to the activity.



Blank Page - open a blank page

New Page from Activity - open a page from a Boardmaker activity saved on your computer

New Page from Template - open a page from a Boardmaker template

**NOTE:** New Page from Activity and New Page from Template allow you to bring a single page at a time into the currently loaded activity. If the activity being imported is an interactive activity, the functionality of that activity can only be guaranteed if you bring in the entire activity. Currently, this is only possible for single-page interactive activities.

NOTE: The page will appear at the bottom of the page panel. Drag the page to the desired location in the page panel.

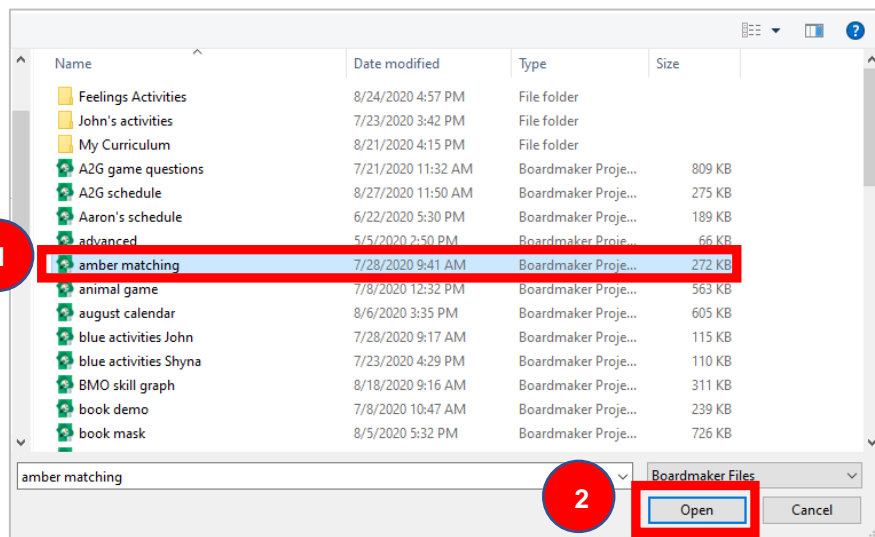
## Blank Page

1. To populate a blank page with buttons, see the Quick Guide titled Creating from a Blank Canvas.

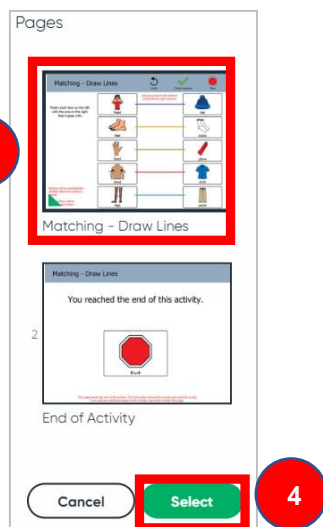
## New Page from Activity

**NOTE:** This feature allows you to bring a single page at a time into the currently loaded activity. If the activity being imported is an interactive activity, the functionality of that activity can only be guaranteed if you bring in the entire activity, which is only possible for single-page interactive activities.

1. Select a Boardmaker activity saved on your computer.
2. Select **Open**.



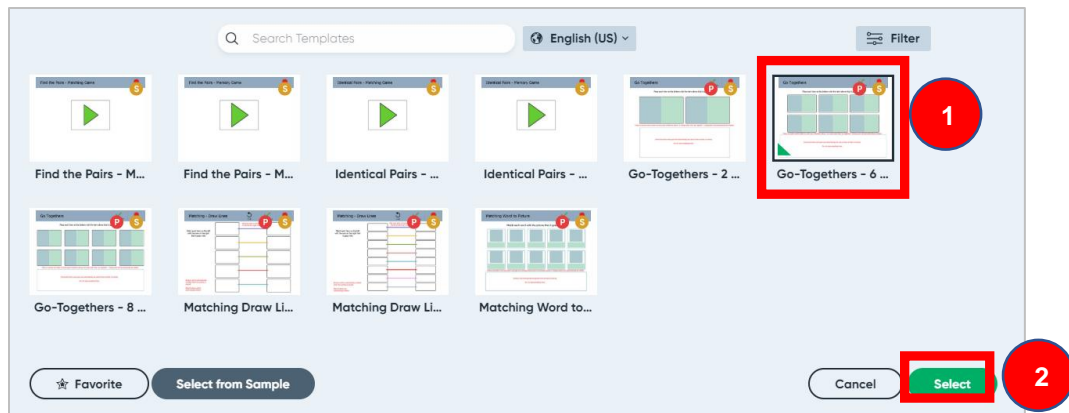
3. Select the one-page activity page.
4. Click **Select**.



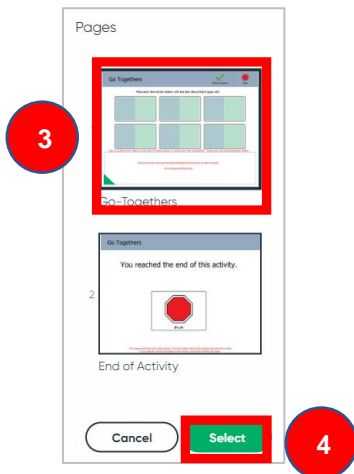
## New Page from Template

NOTE: This feature allows you to bring a single page at a time into the currently loaded activity. If the activity being imported is an interactive activity, the functionality of that activity can only be guaranteed if you bring in the entire activity, which is only possible for single-page interactive activities.

1. Use the template picker to select a **template**.
2. Click **Select**.



3. Select the one-page activity page.
4. Click **Select**.



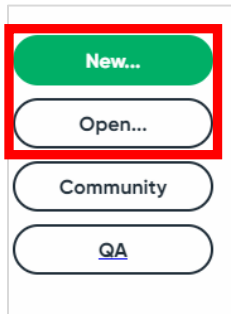
NOTE: Combining templates disables performance tracking for the activity.

# Add Actions to an Activity in Boardmaker 7

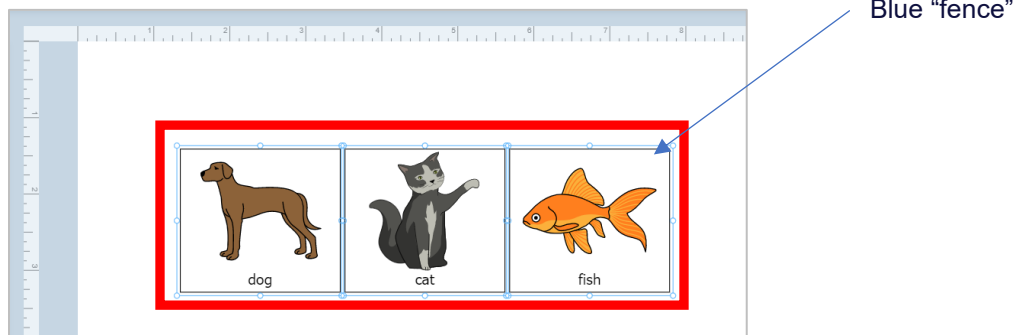
Assigning actions to a button in Boardmaker 7 allows you to make any activity interactive. Add sounds, navigation, popup windows, and more to a blank activity or template. This quick guide provides instructions on how to add actions to an activity.

## Before Using the Action Editor

1. Select **New** or **Open** to open the Boardmaker 7 editor to a template, previously created activity, or blank canvas.

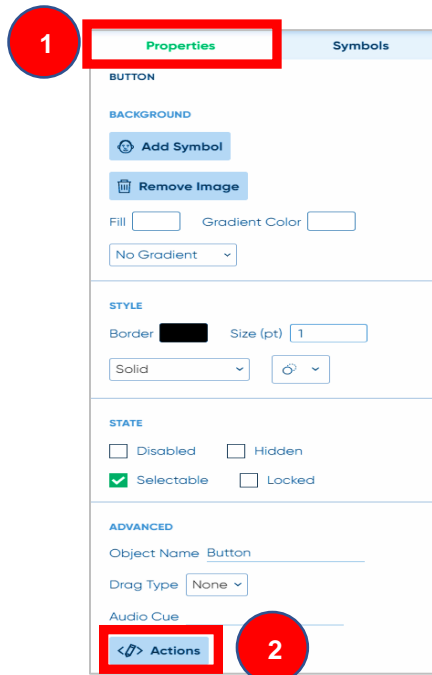


2. Draw and/or select the button or a group of buttons that will have an action assigned.  
NOTE: Selected buttons have a blue “fence” around them. Single click a button to select it or draw a square through multiple buttons using a mouse to select a group of buttons.



## Add an Action to a Button or Select Buttons

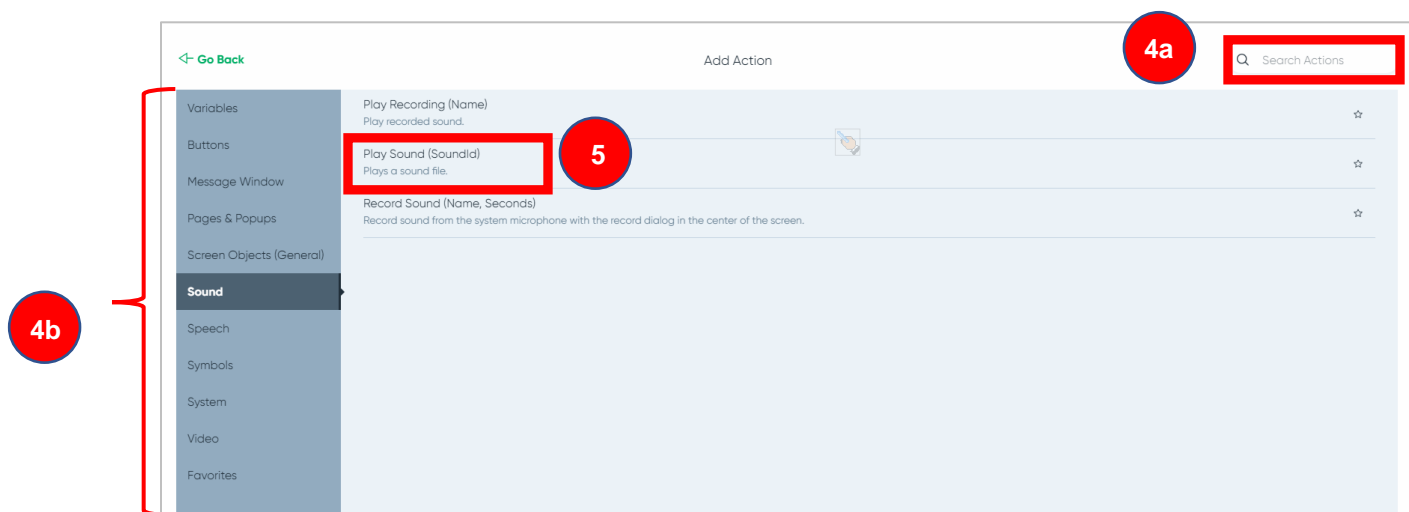
1. Select the **Properties** tab and scroll to the bottom.
2. Select **Actions**.



3. A new window will open. Select **Add Action**.

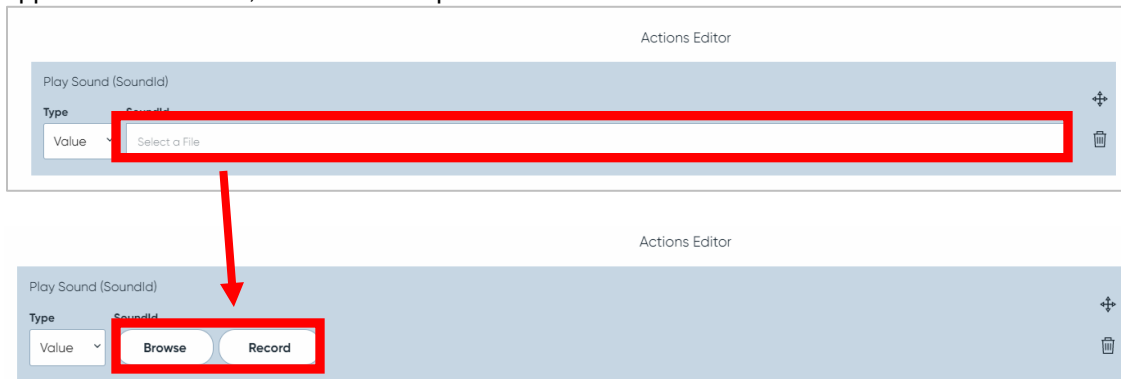


4. Find the desired action(s) by
  - a. Selecting a category
  - b. Searching for an action
5. Select an action. NOTE: Select the star to add the action to your favorites.



NOTE: See the Boardmaker 7 User's Manual for a list of all available actions.

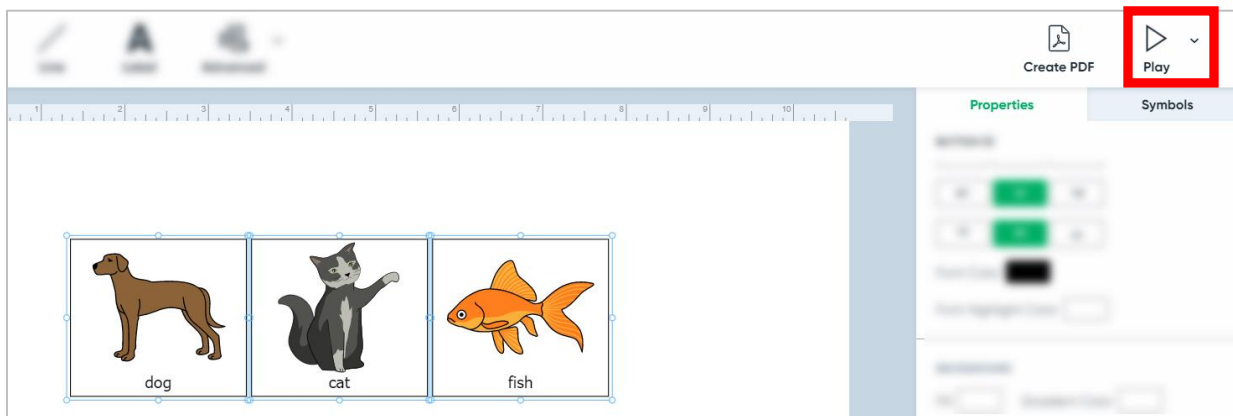
6. Select the box for the action if one appears and follow the prompts on the subsequent screens. If no boxes appear for the action, continue to step 7.



7. To go back to the editor, select **Save and Close**.
8. To continue adding actions to the button, Select **Save** and then **Select Add Action** to return to the action menu.



9. Once actions are added and you return to the editor, select **Play** to test the actions.





# Upload Activities Created using another Boardmaker Software

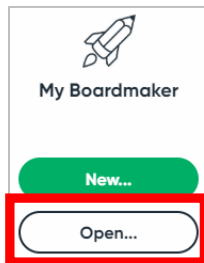
This quick guide provides instructions on how import and download activities created in Boardmaker v5, Boardmaker v6, Boardmaker Studio, and Boardmaker Online. Activities can be uploaded individually in the editor or in bulk through myBoardmaker.com.

## Get Ready to Upload

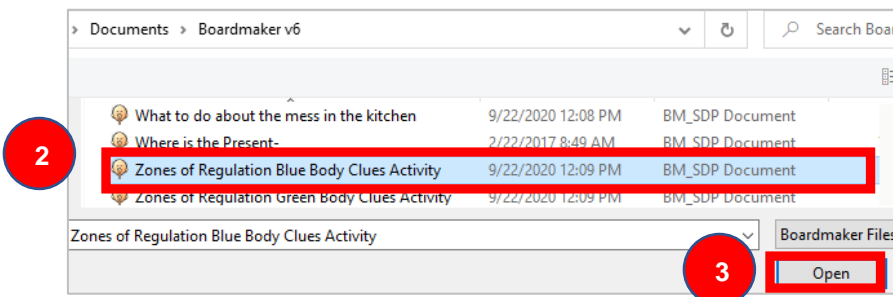
1. Locate the activities
  - a. Use the computer where the activities were created  
OR
  - b. Copy your activities from that computer to a USB or external hard drive and access the activities on any computer using the USB drive.
2. Combine single pages and boards into one activity if desired.
  - a. Select files and create a Compressed Zip Folder with all the activity pages or boards that will be part of the single Boardmaker 7 activity.

## Upload Single Files in the Boardmaker 7 Editor

1. From the editor Dashboard, select **Open**.



2. Navigate to the activity or zipped file you wish to upload and select the activity.
3. Select **Open**.



**NOTE:** By default, activities are saved as follows:  
Studio: My Documents → Boardmaker Studio → Projects  
Boardmaker v6: My Documents → My Boards

4. Select **Import**.

Conversion Setup

BOARDMAKER BOARDS

📁 Zones of Regulation Blue Body Clues Activity.bm2

IMPORT SETTINGS

Conversion Warnings: Show only critical conversion warnings

Conversion Fidelity: Favor editability over visual fidelity

Symbolate Fidelity: Keep symbolate buttons as symbolate buttons

Select New File Cancel **Import**

**NOTE:** It is recommended that import settings remain at the default for best performance and compatibility.

Once the file uploads, it will open in the installed Boardmaker editor.

## Upload Multiple Activities Using myBoardmaker.com

1. From the myBoardmaker.com homepage, select **Activities** → **Upload Multiple Activities**.

Boardmaker Curriculum Students **Activities** Community Help

Community Activities

Premium Activities

Upload Single Activity

**Upload Multiple Activities**

My Homepage

2. Select **Browse**.

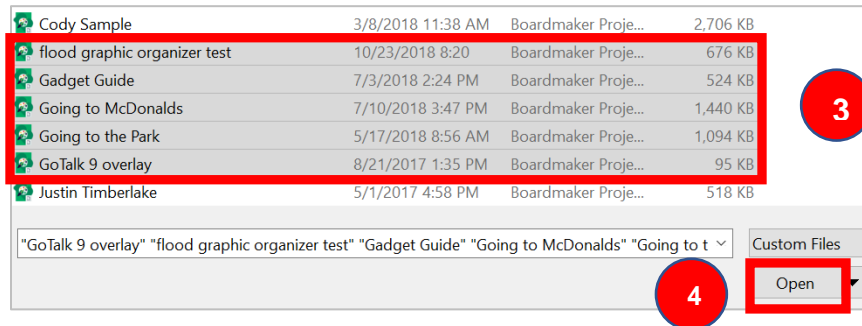
Files

Drag and drop files and folders

Accepted file types: .zbp, .zip, .bm2, .bptf, .bptf

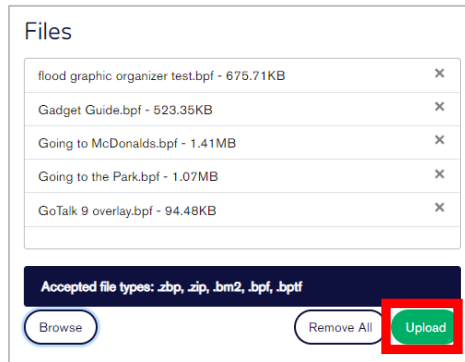
**Browse** Remove All Upload

3. Navigate to the boards, activities and/or zip files that will be uploaded and select the activities.  
**NOTE:** Hold down the CTRL or Command key on the keyboard and click files to select multiple files.
4. Select **Open**.

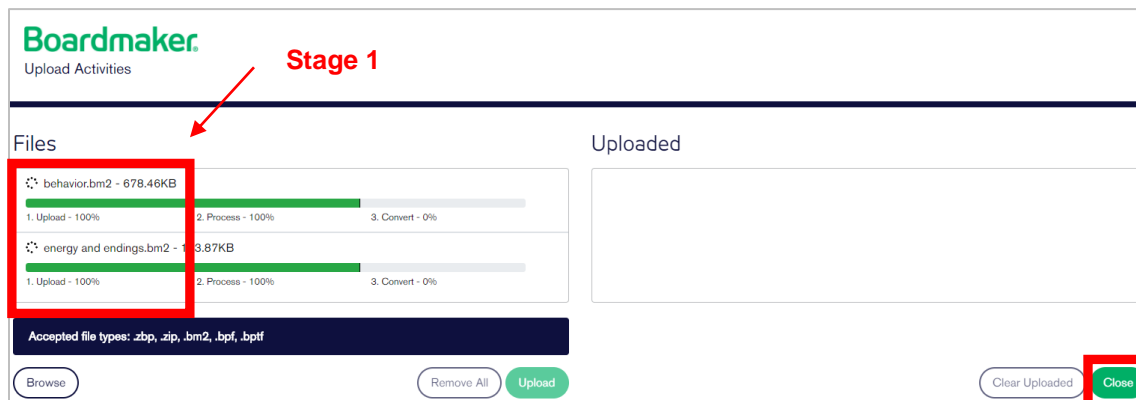


**NOTE:** V.6 single page files (.bm2) uploaded individually cannot be connected into one activity after upload. You must zip the files prior to upload to combine them.

5. Select **Upload**.



6. A progress bar will show for each activity as it uploads.
7. As each activity completes the process, you will see it listed in the Uploaded box. Once all activities complete the first stage of the upload process, select **Close** to continue in the software.



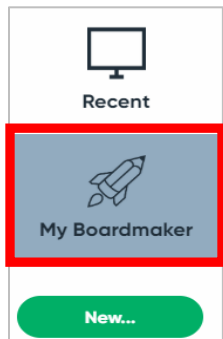
Activities can be found in **My Activities** on myBoardmaker.com and will download to the installed Boardmaker editor if the editor is open and the computer is connected to the internet.

# Access, Edit, Play, & Print Activities-to-Go in Boardmaker 7

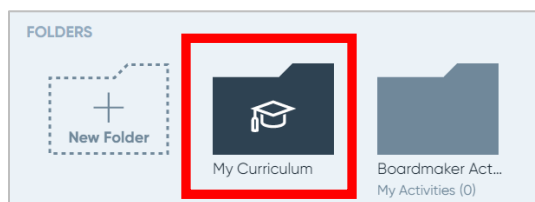
This quick guide provides instructions on how to access, edit, play, and print Activities-to-Go.

## Access Activities-to-Go

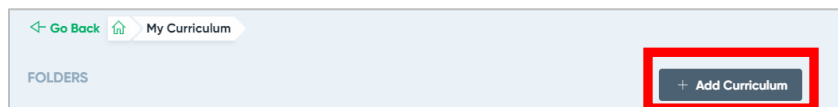
1. From the Boardmaker 7 Editor Dashboard, select **My Boardmaker**.



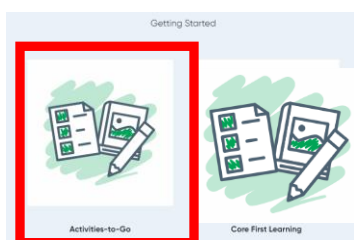
2. Select the **My Curriculum** folder.



3. Select **Add Curriculum**.

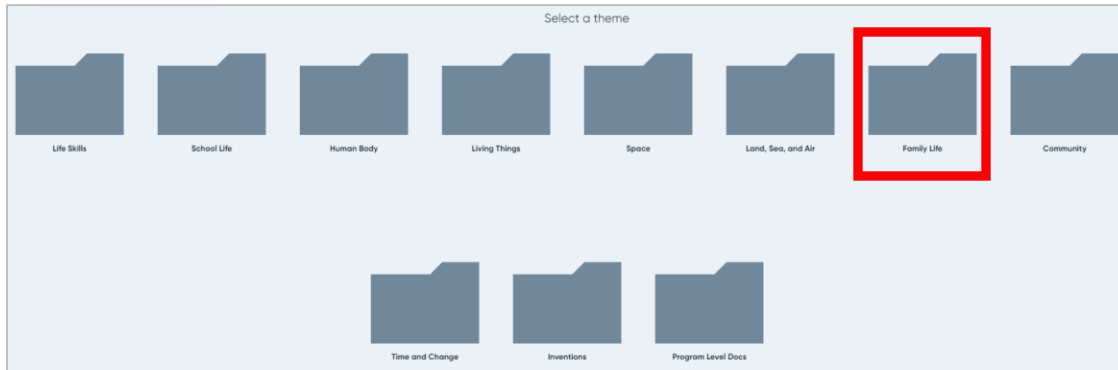


4. Select **Activities-to-Go**.



NOTE: Select Core First Learning to download the Core First Communication Book.

5. Select a **theme folder**.



NOTE: Select **Program Level Docs** to view Standards Alignment Documents.

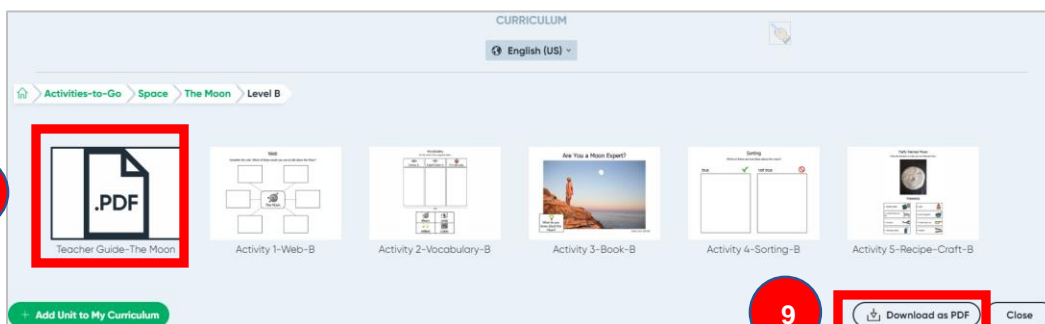
6. Select a **unit folder**.



7. Select a **Level folder**.

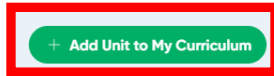


8. If you have not yet downloaded the Teacher Guide for the unit, select the **Teacher Guide**.
9. Select **Download as PDF** to save a copy of the Teacher Guide to your computer. By default, the file will save to Documents → Boardmaker → Activities → user email address → My Curriculum

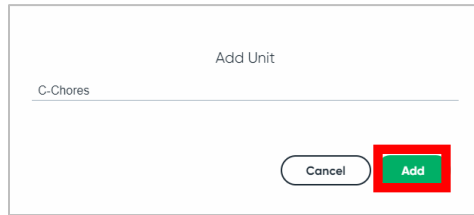


NOTE: The **Teacher Guide** contains the order of activities, big idea, vocabulary, learning tips, communication tips, and suggested books for the unit. It is the same for all three levels.

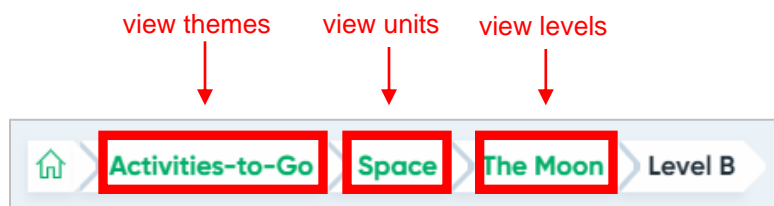
10. Select **Add Unit to My Curriculum**.



11. Edit the unit name if desired and select **Add**.



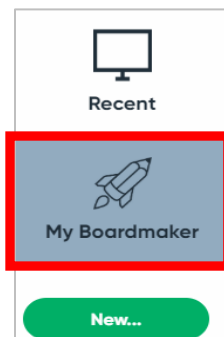
12. To view and or add additional levels, units, and themes to My Curriculum, select the file path to return to that section of the path.



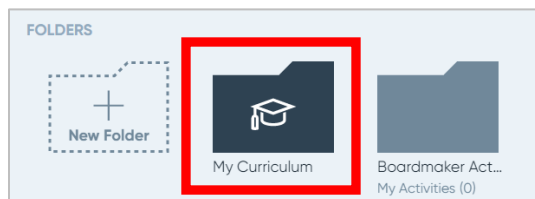
13. Select **Close** to return to the Dashboard.

## Edit, Play, and Print Activities-to-Go

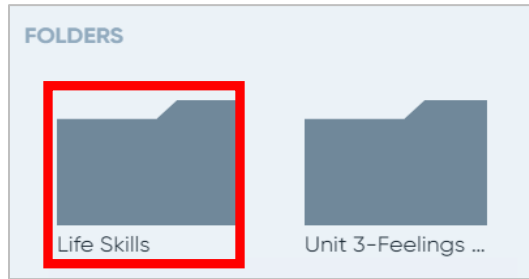
1. From the Boardmaker 7 Editor Dashboard, Select **My Boardmaker**.



2. Select the **My Curriculum** Folder.



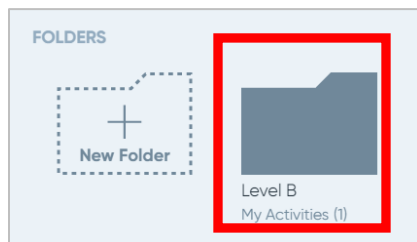
3. Select the **theme folder**.



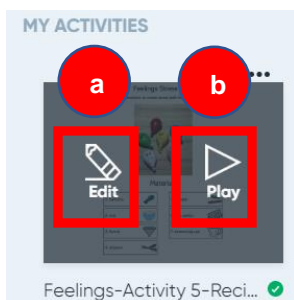
4. Select the **Unit Folder**.



5. Select the **Level folder** to access the activities.



6. Hover over the activity.
- Select **Edit** to open the activity in the Boardmaker 7 Editor or to print the activity.
  - Select **Play** to play the activity.



7. To print the activity, when the activity opens in the editor, Select **Create PDF**.
8. Adjust PDF settings if desired and check the box next to **Open After Creating**.
9. Select **Create**.

The screenshot shows the 'Create PDF' dialog box. On the left is a preview of a worksheet titled 'Feelings-Activity 5-Recipe-Craft-B' featuring a drawing of balloons. The right side contains various settings: File Name (Feelings-Activity 5-Recipe-Craft-B), Location (C:\Users\ador\Documents), Print Quality (Medium 300dpi), Pages (All selected), Reverse Order (unchecked), Paper Size (Per Page), Orientation (Portrait selected), and Print Size (Actual selected). At the bottom, the 'Open After Creating' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red rectangle and a red circle containing the number 8. The 'Create' button is also highlighted with a red rectangle and a red circle containing the number 9. Navigation arrows and 'Page 1 of 2' are visible at the bottom left.

10. The page will open in your computer's PDF reader. Follow the procedure you use to print PDF files on your computer.



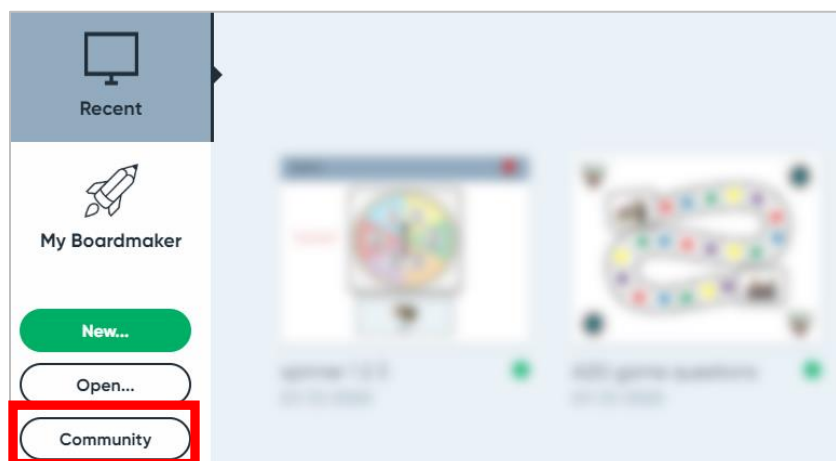
# Find Pre-Made Activities in the Boardmaker Community

Boardmaker allows you to search for thousands of ready-made activities created by other Boardmaker users. These activities can be used as-is or edited to meet your specific needs. This quick guide provides instructions on how to access the Boardmaker Community, find community activities, and add community activities to manage and edit.

## Open the Boardmaker Community

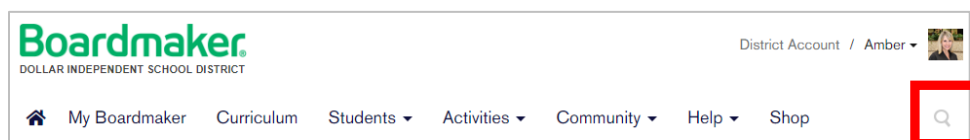
From the Boardmaker 7 Editor:

1. Select **Community** in the Dashboard. This will take you to the Community in myBoardmaker.com.



From myBoardmaker.com:

1. Select the magnifying glass icon.

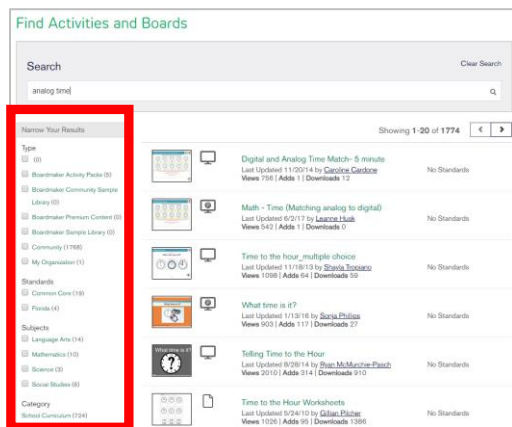



## Search for Community Activities

1. Type a search term into the search bar and **Enter/Return** on your keyboard.



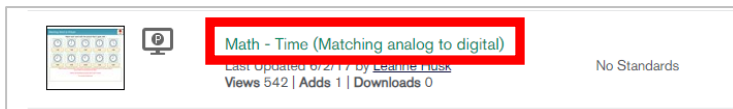
- Use the filters in the *Narrow Your Results* column to focus your search. Scroll down to view and add additional filters.



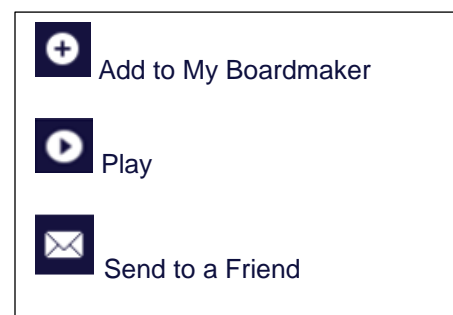
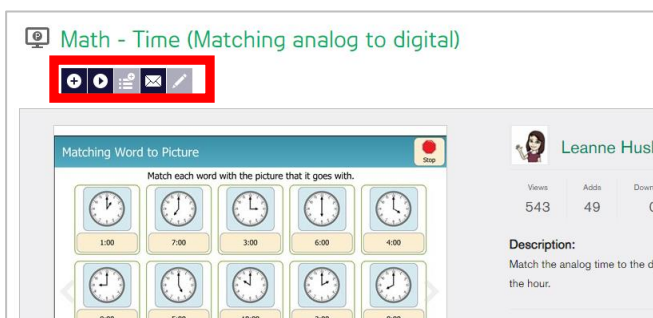
**NOTE:** If you would like to capture student performance data from assigned activities, select *Performance Enabled* activities, identified with this icon .

You can also find performance tracking activities by selecting **Interactive with Performance** as you narrow your search.

- To view an activity within the results, **select the activity name.**



- Use the tools on the **blue toolbar** above the activity to add the activity to your **My Activities**, **Play**, or **Send to a Friend**.



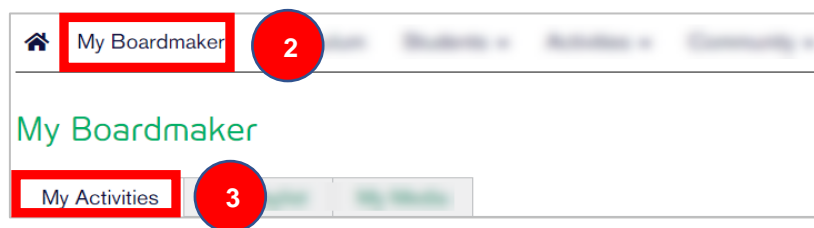
**NOTE:** Added activities can be managed from the MyBoardmaker tab of myBoardmaker.com. Activities will download to the Boardmaker 7 editor when connected to the internet.

# Manage Activities - Print, Assign, Add to Playlist and Add to Folders

Each activity you create using the Boardmaker 7 editor is automatically saved in the cloud at myBoardmaker.com. Activities added from the Boardmaker Community are also stored in My Boardmaker. From the website, subscribers can not only print, but also assign activities to students, add activities to playlists, and organize activities into folders. This quick guide gives directions on how to access cloud stored activities, print activities, assign activities to students, use the playlist feature, and add activities to folders.

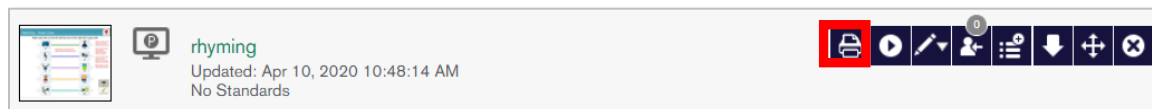
## Access Cloud Stored Activities

14. Log onto **myBoardmaker.com**.
15. From the main menu bar, select **My Boardmaker**. Activities that are created in the editor or added from the community are stored in the **My Activities** tab.



## Print Activities

1. Select the print tool on the toolbar to the right of the activity.



2. A PDF version of the activity will generate in a new tab on your browser.

## Assign Activities to Students

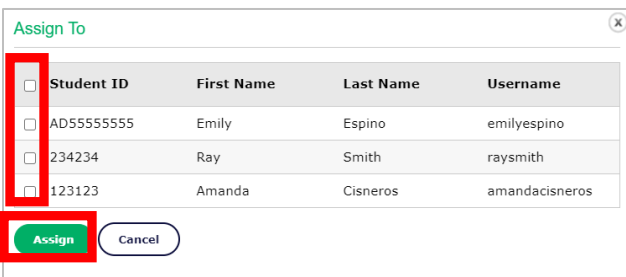
Once student accounts are created by an instructor or an administrator, it is important to assign activities to students. Assigned activities enable data to be collected, and allow students to access the activity from anywhere through the Boardmaker 7 Student Center App.

1. Select the **Assign Activity tool** on the toolbar beside the activity to be assigned.



2. The student roster will open. Select the box next to the student(s) that will be assigned the activity.

3. Select **Assign**. A copy of the activity is placed in the student's assignment list and can be accessed in My Classroom View or the Boardmaker 7 Student Center.



The 'Assign To' dialog box contains a table with student information. A red box highlights the 'Assign' button at the bottom left, and another red box highlights the first column of the table, 'Student ID'.

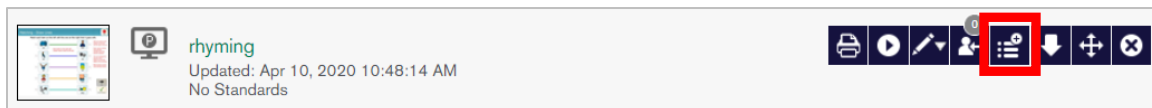
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<input type="checkbox"/>	234234	Ray	Smith	raysmith
<input type="checkbox"/>	123123	Amanda	Cisneros	amandacisneros

Buttons: **Assign**, Cancel

## Add and Organize Activities in a Playlist

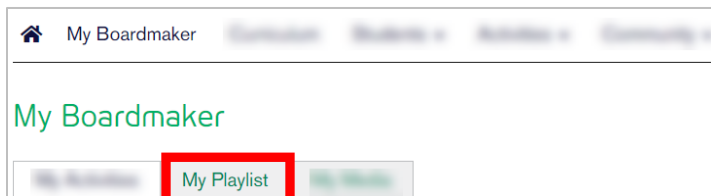
### Add to a Playlist

1. To put a copy of an activity or activity set in a playlist, select the **Add to Playlist** tool next to the activity.

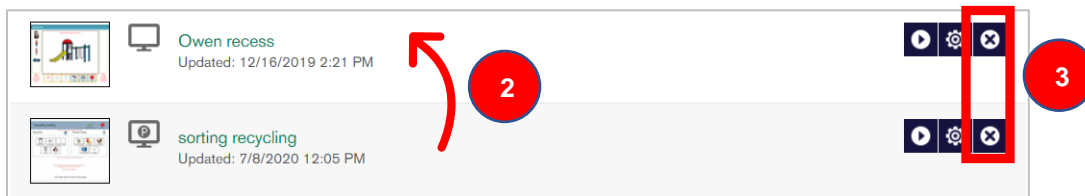


### Edit a Playlist

1. Select the **MyPlaylist** tab.



2. Drag and drop to change the order of activities.
  3. Select the **Delete** tool next to the activity to delete it from the playlist.
- NOTE: This does not delete the activity from the account.

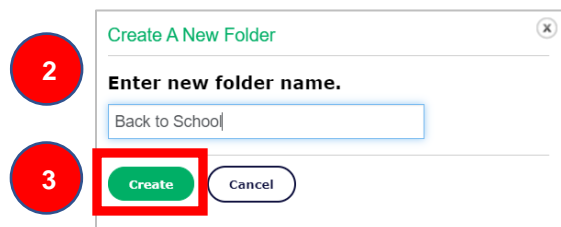


## Create Folders and Add Activities

Use of a folder allows an instructor to group like materials. For example, an instructor might group all their “back to school” activities in a folder so it is easy to find back to school activities at the beginning of each school year. It is also possible to show folders first in My Activities and to access folders in the Boardmaker 7 installed editor.

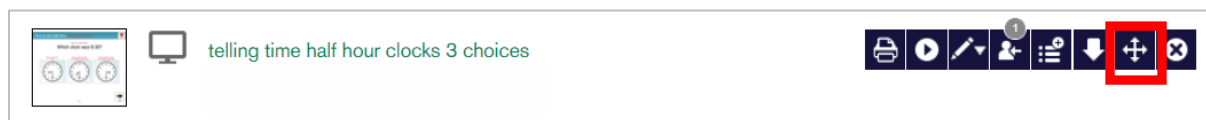
### Create a Folder

1. In the **My Activities Tab**, select **Create Folder**.
2. Name the folder.
3. Select **Create**.

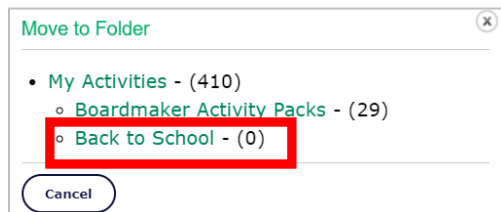


### Add Activities to a Folder

1. Select the **Move activity to folder tool** for the activity you wish to move.



2. Select the folder that will hold the activity from the list in the pop-up window.



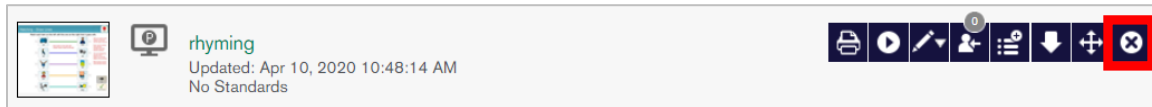
NOTE: The activity will now live in the selected folder. Open the folder to find the activity, play, assign to students or further manage the activity.

## Delete Activities

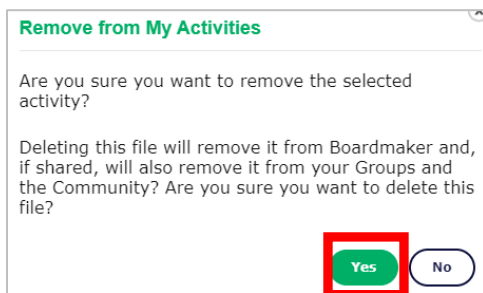
If you no longer need an activity, you can delete it. **Deleting the activity will delete it from myBoardmaker.com, the installed Boardmaker editor, and your computer.** If you wish to keep a copy of the activity on your computer, save a copy to a different folder on your computer before deleting it.

### Delete an Activity

1. To permanently delete an activity from your account, select the **Delete** tool on the tool bar.



2. Read the popup text. If you still want to delete the activity, select **Yes**.



**NOTE: Deleting an activity will also delete the activity in the Boardmaker editor and remove the activity from your computer.** If you wish to keep a copy of the activity on your computer, save a copy to a different folder on your computer before deleting it.

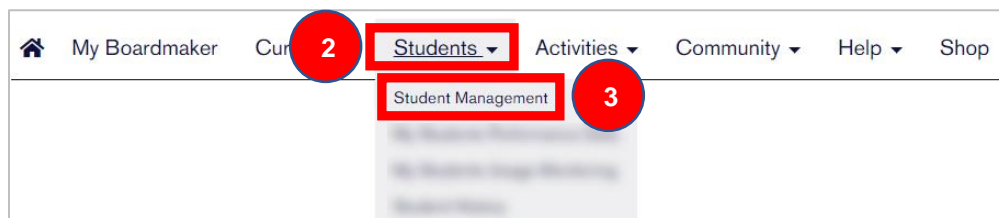
# Create and Add Student Accounts in Boardmaker

Student accounts allow an instructor to assign specific activities to a student and more easily adjust the access method for each student. Student accounts are included in your Boardmaker subscription. When students play activities in their accounts, data is collected. In some situations, a district administrator may set up student accounts, but in most instances, this can be done by the instructor. This quick guide provides instructions on how to add student accounts in Boardmaker.

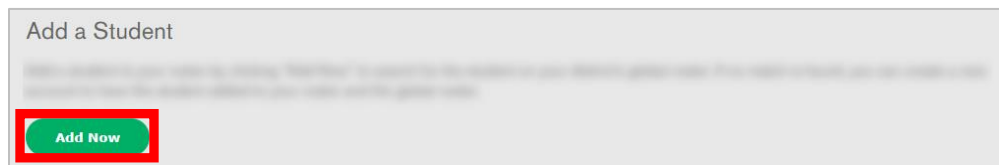
NOTE: An instructor must have Local Admin Privileges or Admin Privileges to create student accounts.

## Create a Student Account

1. Log onto **myBoardmaker.com**.
  2. From the main menu bar, select the **Students** tab.
  3. Select **Student Management** from the dropdown.
- NOTE: If you have Admin Privileges, the Student Management button is found in the **Admin** tab on the main menu bar.



4. Scroll to the bottom to find **Add a Student**. Select **Add Now**. If you do not see this button, skip to the **Add Students to Your Account with Instructor Only Privileges** section of this quick guide.



5. Add the student ID, first name and last name. Select **Check Global Roster**. This will determine whether the student already has an account in your district. If the student account already exists, select **Add Existing Student** to edit the student profile. If the student does not have an account, the student profile screen will open.

The screenshot shows the 'Add New Student' form. The 'Check Global Roster' button is highlighted with a red box.

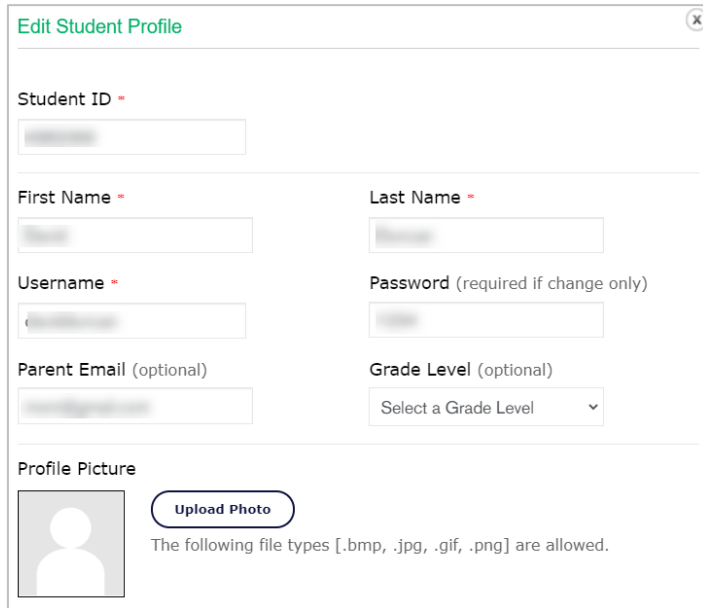
If match found



The screenshot shows the 'Match Found' screen. The 'Add Existing Student' button is highlighted with a red box.

Student ID	First Name	Last Name	Parent Email	Instructional Level
AD444444	Allie	Dollar	Not Provided	Not set

6. Complete the student profile.



The 'Edit Student Profile' form contains the following fields:

- Student ID**: A text input field.
- First Name** and **Last Name**: Two text input fields.
- Username** and **Password**: Two text input fields. The password field has a note: "(required if change only)".
- Parent Email (optional)**: A text input field.
- Grade Level (optional)**: A dropdown menu with the option "Select a Grade Level".
- Profile Picture**: A section with a placeholder image, an "Upload Photo" button, and a note: "The following file types [.bmp, .jpg, .gif, .png] are allowed."

**Student ID:** May be numbers, letters, or a combination. Must be unique within your district.

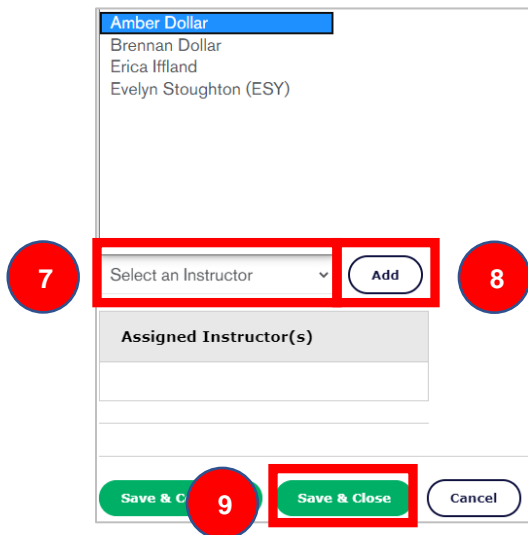
**Username:** Create a unique username for each student.

**Password:** Create a password.

**Parent Email:** (Optional) Adding parent email allows you to easily send information about student login to parents.

**Profile Picture:** Upload a picture if desired. This picture will appear when the student logs into his/her account.

7. Under assign instructors, Select the dropdown and select your name.
8. Select **Add**. Repeat and select additional instructors who share responsibility for the student.
9. When complete, select **Save & Close**.



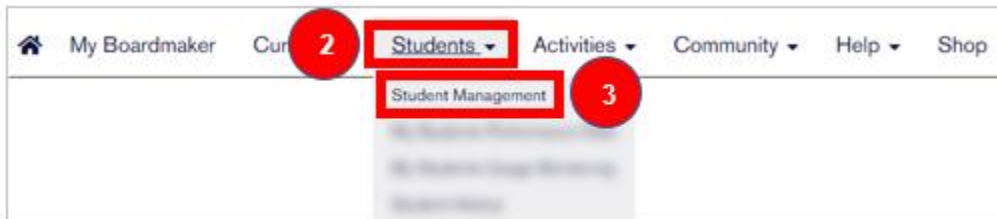
The 'Assign Instructors' form shows a list of instructors: Amber Dollar, Brennan Dollar, Erica Iffland, and Evelyn Stoughton (ESY). Below the list is a section titled 'Assigned Instructor(s)' with a table. To the left of the table is a dropdown menu labeled 'Select an Instructor' with a red circle 7 next to it. To the right of the dropdown is an 'Add' button with a red circle 8 next to it. At the bottom of the form are three buttons: 'Save & Close' (with a red circle 9 next to it), 'Save & Close' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Cancel'.



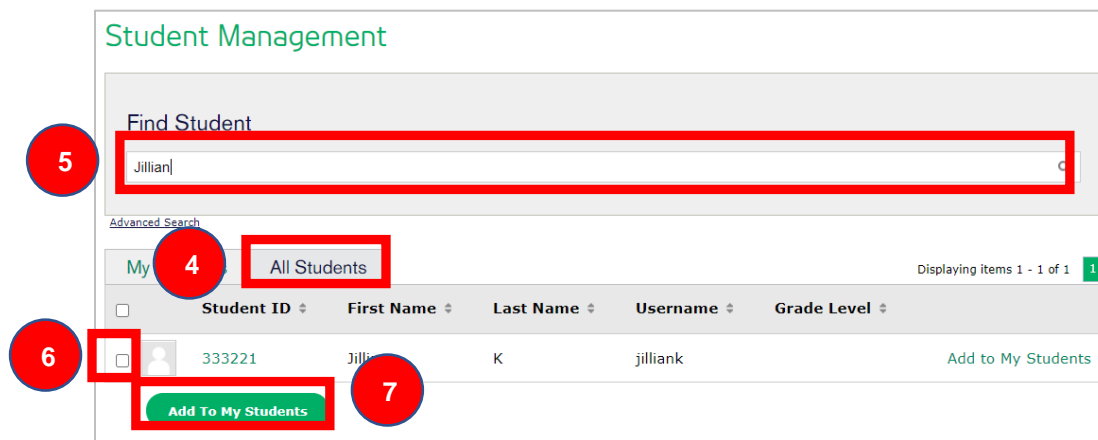
## Add Students to Your Account with Instructor Only Privileges

If your Boardmaker Administrator gave you Instructor Only Privileges, you can add students with existing accounts to your student list. This will allow you to add activities and gather data for that student.

1. Log onto **myBoardmaker.com**.
2. From the main menu bar, select the **Students** tab.
3. Select **Student Management** from the dropdown.



4. Select the **All Students** Tab.
5. Type a student name in the search bar and select **Enter/Return** on your keyboard.
6. Select the box next to the student you wish to add.
7. Select **Add to My Students**.

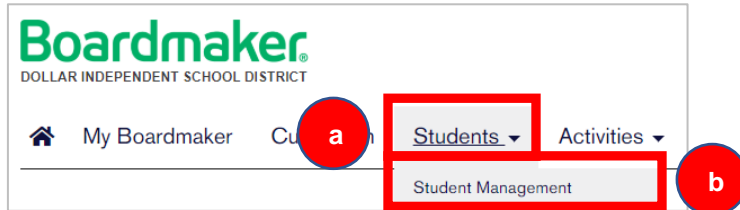


# View Student Performance Data in Boardmaker

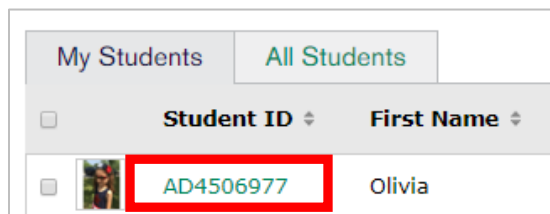
When students play assignments while logged into the Boardmaker Student Center, data is collected. Usage data is collected for all activities and performance data is collected for activities and curriculum created using Performance Tracking templates. This quick guide provides instructions on how to view student data from myBoardmaker.com.

## Access Student Data

1. Select the **Students** tab.
2. Select **Student Management** from the dropdown menu.

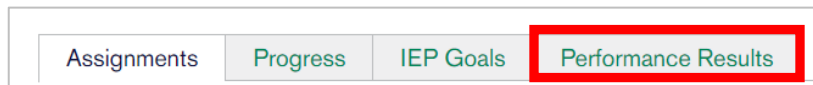


3. Select the **Student ID** from your roster.

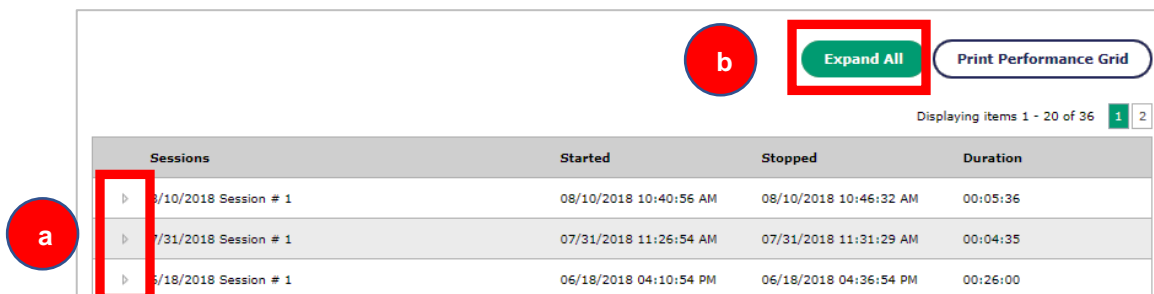


## View Activity Completion and Basic Performance Data

1. Select **Performance Results**.



2. Data is organized in sessions by date of login, with most recent at the top.
  - a. Select the **expansion arrow** beside a date to expand one session.
  - b. Select the **Expand All** button to expand all sessions.



3. Select the **expansion arrow** beside an activity to view performance data.

The first screenshot shows a list of activities. A red box highlights the expansion arrow (a small triangle) next to the activity 'MATCHING CLOTHES TO BODY PART' for the session dated 5/21/2020. A red arrow points from this activity to the second screenshot.

The second screenshot shows the quiz performance data for the selected activity. It includes a table with the following data:

Question	Choices	Selected Answer	Correct Answer
Show me: "take"	1. take 2. will 3. want	take	take
Show me: "take"	1. take 2. go 3. how	take	take
Please ____ the money.	1. take 2. want 3. who	want	take
Which sentence makes sense?	1. Did you take the bus? 2. Did you can the bus? 3. Did you think the bus?	Did you can the bus?	Did you take the bus?

NOTE: Specific data will vary based on the activity completed. Data may include a writing sample, word list, table with correct/incorrect responses, etc.

## Link Activities to IEP Goals and View IEP Specific Data

### Link Activities to IEP Goals

1. From the **Student Profile**, Select **IEP Goals**.

The screenshot shows a navigation bar with four tabs: 'Assignments', 'Progress', 'IEP Goals', and 'Performance Results'. The 'IEP Goals' tab is highlighted with a red box.

2. Select **Add Goal**.

The screenshot shows a dropdown menu with the text 'Show Active Goals' and a green 'Add Goal' button. The button is highlighted with a red box.

3. Select an option from the dropdown menu.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Goal' dropdown menu. The options are 'I want to...', 'Select a sample IEP goal', and 'Create a new goal'. The 'Select a sample IEP goal' option is highlighted with a red box.

**Select Sample IEP Goal-** choose from a bank of goals for English/language arts, math, self-help, communication, and behavior. Customize if desired.

**Create a new goal-** type a goal or copy and paste from your IEP software.

- Follow the steps in the chart below to add goals.

#### Select a Sample IEP Goal

- Select the radio button next to the goal you wish to select.
- Select **Add Selected**. Repeat to add all desired goals.

##### Add Goal

Select a sample IEP goal ▼

##### Goal / Objectives

- ▶ ☐ Student will identify 5 new vocabulary words a week related to a grade level unit of study with 90% accuracy.
- ☒ Student will follow a visual and auditory behavior checklist schedule (eyes on the teacher, quiet mouth, quiet hands, quiet feet, ready to listen) before, during, and after an identified academic activity in 4 out of 5 trials.

**Add Selected**

Cancel

#### Create a new goal

- Copy and paste a goal from IEP software or type a goal into the box.
- Select **Add Objective** and type in the box if desired.
- Select **Save and Close**. Repeat to add additional goals/objectives.

##### Add Goal

Create a new goal ▼

Goal: \*

**Add Objective**

**Save & Close**

Cancel

- When complete, select the **Assignments** tab.

**Assignments**

Progress

IEP Goals

Performance Results

- Select **Manage** next to the activity that will be associated to an IEP goal.



##### Very Hungry Caterpillar Symbol Picture Match

Assigned 05/27/2020 12:19:58 by Stephanie Barb

Associations: **Manage**

- Select the box for the goal that is associated with that activity.

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##### Goals / Objectives

Student will sort items/objects/words into categories with 90% accuracy.

## View IEP Specific Data

1. Select the **Progress** tab.

**Assignments** **Progress** IEP Goals Performance Results

**IEP Goals**

By the next annual IEP meeting, Corey will receptively identify and use 36 core words by finding the word and choosing the sentence that best completes the word 80% of trials.

By the next Annual IEP meeting, Corey will identify rhyming words by sorting words by their word endings 80% of trials.

**Activity Results** Past >

Non-Scored Activity	Go - Quiz	Non-Scored Activity	Non-Scored Activity	Take - Quiz	Take - Quiz
0%	0%	50%	50%	50%	50%
3/13/2018	3/13/2018	2/19/2018	2/19/2018	11/28/2017	11/9/2017

**Activity Results** Past >

Take - Sorting	Take - Sorting	Take - Sorting	Take - Sorting	Take - Sorting	Take - Sorting
50%	100%	100%	100%	70%	100%
3/13/2018	11/9/2017	11/8/2017	11/7/2017	10/27/2017	10/19/2017

NOTE: Only performance tracking activities will show color coded data. Interactive and Print activities will be grey and labeled as Non-Scored.

2. Drill down data if desired.
  - a. Hover over the cell to see additional information.
  - b. Select the cell to see question by question data.

**Activity Results** Past >

Take - Sorting	Take - Sorting	Take - Sorting	Take - Sorting	Take - Sorting	Take - Sorting
50%	100%	100%	100%	70%	100%
3/13/2018	11/9/2017	11/8/2017	11/7/2017	10/27/2017	10/19/2017

Activity: Take - Sorting

Duration: 1 Minute

Mode: Supported




Status: Completed

Results: 10 / 10

Click cell for details



Status	% Correct	Results	Mode
Complete	50%	2/4	Independent

Question	Choices	Selected Answer	Correct Answer
1.  take			
2.  go			
3.  how			

# Download and Use the Boardmaker 7 Student Center App

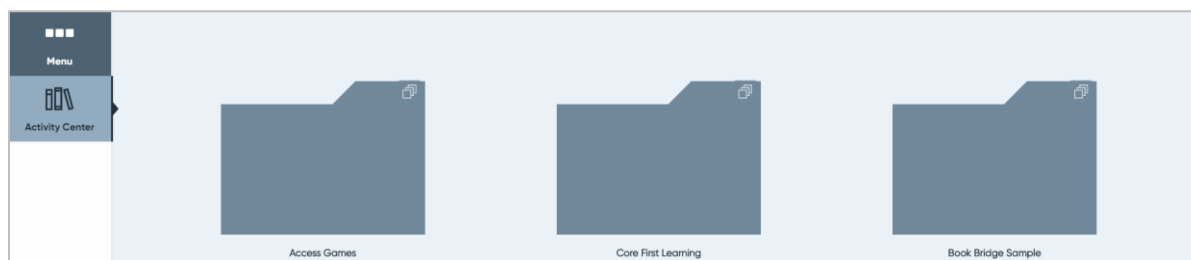
The Boardmaker 7 Student Center App allows anyone with access to play Boardmaker activities on any computer, iPad, or Tobii device. It is a free download from the Windows store, Google Play store or iTunes. Your Boardmaker subscription includes the ability to add all the activities in your Boardmaker account to the app. This quick guide provides steps for connecting the Student Center App to a Boardmaker account and how to play activities in the app.

## Install the Free Boardmaker 7 Student Center

10. From the Windows, Google Play Store or iTunes Store, download the free Boardmaker 7 Student Center App.

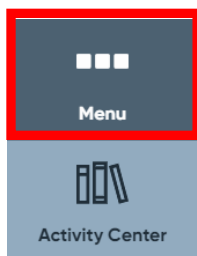


11. Explore sample games and activities.

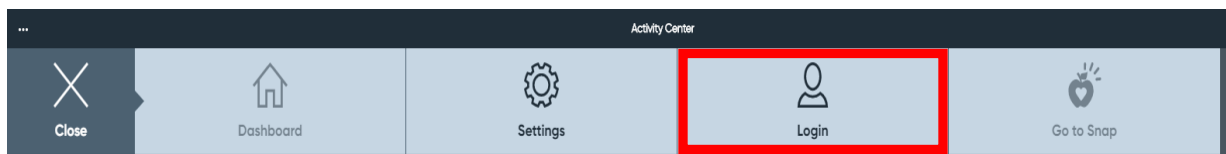


## Connect the Student Center App to a Boardmaker Subscription

3. In the Student Center App, select **Menu**.

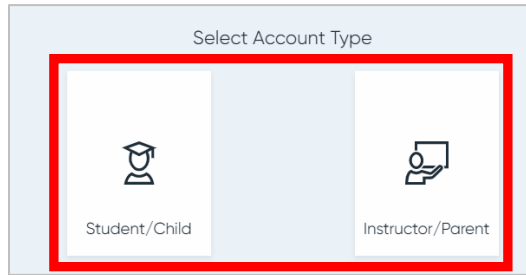


4. Select **Login**.



NOTE: To adjust access methods, voices, and interface tools, select **Settings**.

5. Select an Account Type- **Student/Child** or **Instructor/Parent**.

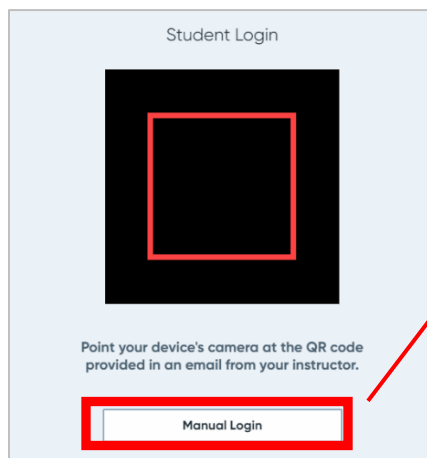


**Student/Child** opens activities assigned to a student account

**Instructor/Parent** opens activities in the instructor playlist. It also allows access to all student accounts assigned to the instructor.

The first time you log on, you will be asked to do one of the following:

- A. **Student/Child**- Scan the QR code provided by the instructor or select **Manual Login** if a QR code was not provided. To login manually, enter information into the fields and select **Login**.



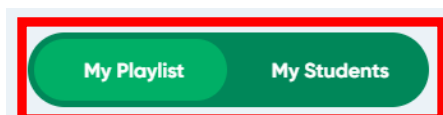
**Username**- assigned by the instructor when the student account was created

**Institution ID**- located on the instructor's myBoardmaker homepage

**Password**- assigned by the instructor when the student account was created

- B. **Instructor/Parent** log in using your Tobii Dynavox Single Sign On account. Select **Log In**.

6. Select any activity to play it in the app. If using an Instructor/Parent account, toggle between the instructor playlist and student assigned activities using the toggle at the top.



NOTE: Data is collected for all Performance Tracking activities when logged into a Student/Child account or accessing student activities through the My Students button. Instructors will find this data in the Student Management section of the Boardmaker website.