

# Using Boardmaker Symbols with Other Software

Boardmaker includes a set of Picture Communication Symbols (PCS). Use the PCS with Overlay Maker, IntelliPics, Kid Pix etc. to promote literacy.

When moving a symbol to Overlay Maker, Choose Hidden under Line 1 and 2 to hide labels. Add more legible labels in Overlay Maker.

View the picture symbols here after clicking on the Symbol Finder tool (i.e. the Big Head).

Click here to easily change the size of the symbol.

Click here to copy and return to IntelliPics or Overlay Maker.

## How to Do it

Open the software in which you want to place the symbol (i.e. Apple Works, Overlay Maker, IntelliPics etc.) Open Boardmaker. Click on the Big Head in the toolbar. Type the name of the desired PCS in the Find field. Hit the enter or return key on the keyboard. Click Next until you get the desired symbol. Click Copy. Use the Task Bar (Windows) or Finder (Macintosh) to go back to the other software. Select the key or field where you want the symbol to end up. Use keyboard shortcuts or go to the File menu and select Paste to place the symbol.



To use the Finder, move mouse to upper right corner of the Mac. Hold the mouse button down. Move the mouse to select the software.

## Tips for Using the PCS

Create a slideshow with KidPix or PowerPoint. Add picture symbols to the text captions to help struggling readers or teach students to recognize symbols on used on their devices.

Use the PCS as pictures in an IntelliPics activity or on overlay keys. Create an activity in which students can match symbols to sample or expand their sight word vocabulary.

Combine PCS with pictures from the IntelliTools Picture Library. Paste both into Apple Works or KidPix. Add captions. Print the pages to illustrate a personalized book. For blank books contact Treetop Publishing and ask for the Bare Books Catalog (800) 255-9228.