

Activity 7

Wordlists explained

1. What is a Wordlist

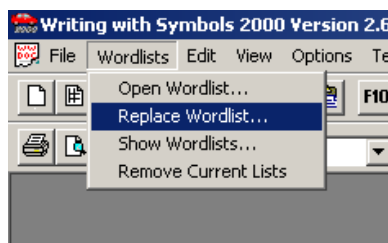
Writing with Symbols finds the pictures to show through a datalist called a **wordlist**. There are different wordlists which link to different symbol files.

You can change the wordlist you want at any time while running Writing with Symbols 2000.

The two main symbol sets available with Writing with Symbols 2000 are the Widgit Rebus Symbols (previously the Rebus Symbol Collection) and the Mayer-Johnson PCS Symbols (as used in Boardmaker.)

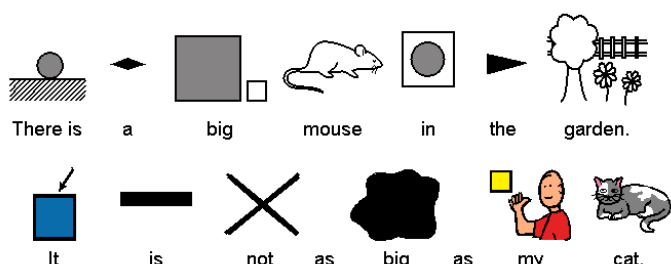
2. Changing the wordlist

To change the wordlist, select **Replace wordlist** form the **wordlist** menu in Writing with Symbols 2000.



Do NOT use more than one long wordlist at a time. (It will slow the program, and also it will confuse the F12 order of the symbols you are using).

You can change the list at any time. Changing the list will only change new words, it will not change symbols already in a document.



If you find that you regularly want to use symbols from different wordlists, then you can create a single list by merging wordlists using the Resource Manager. (Activity 11)

3. Setting the default wordlist

You can change which wordlists opens as the default wordlist when you use the program. With the target wordlist loaded, click on the **Options** menu, and click on **Save Settings Now**. This will change the wordlist, font and graphic style to the current setting.

4. Wordlists that come with the program

You are given various wordlists with the program. The main ones are:

Version 2.6	Previous versions	
Widgit A	Rebus 00	The complete Rebus set
Widgit B		A reduced set for beginner writers
PCS colour	PCSco99	All the PCS colour
PCS bw	PCSBw99	All the PCS black & white
All bw	Allbw00	All the Rebus, plus any PCS bw that do not have Rebus equivalents
Allcolour	Allco00	All the PCS colour, plus any Rebus that do not have PCS equivalents
All Rebus & PCS		The complete collection of Rebus and PCS symbols

If you have a version of Writing with Symbols before version 2.6 there will be different wordlists. Please consult your manual for details on these.

5. The Resource Manager

The **Resource Manager** is a utility program that is supplied with Writing with Symbols. You can use it to:

- view all the symbols in a wordlist
- edit wordlists
- create your own wordlists using items from other lists or from your own graphic files.

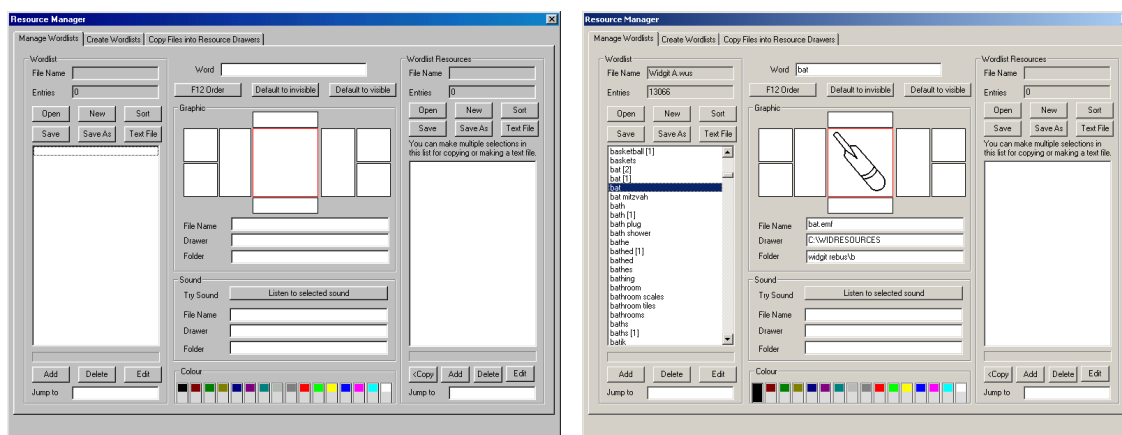
You can find the resource manager from the Start Menu – Programs - Widgit.

The icon looks like this:



6. Viewing all the symbols in a wordlist

Open the resource manager



In the Left side of the window, click on **Open**, and choose the wordlist you want to view. Click on an item in the list and you will see the details of that item in the centre panel. At the top by the box labelled 'Word' you will see the text you have to type to produce that symbol in your document.

7. Editing a wordlist

(a) Deleting items

Click on an item in the list, and then on Delete.

(b) Changing the word attached to a symbol

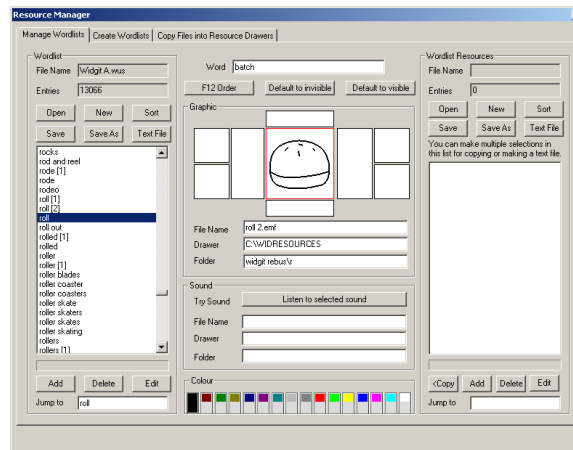
This has the same effect as using the F11 key in Writing with Symbols 2000.

In this example we will add a new word 'batch' to the picture of a roll. We still want to keep the image for roll as well.

Click on the word you want to edit in the list (roll).

You will see the word displayed at the top of the centre panel, below this is the symbol it is linked to.

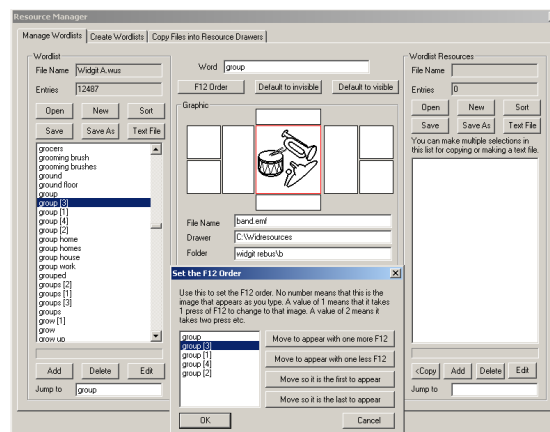
Delete the text in the box labelled 'word', and type the new entry (batch). (Remember you can have up to three words attached to a symbol.)



Then click on the ADD button at the bottom of the wordlist. ADD will give you an additional entry, leaving the original word attached to the symbol as well. EDIT will replace the old entry with the new one

(c) Changing the F12 order of symbols

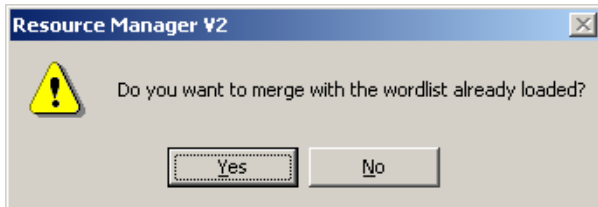
Click on a word that has several graphics attached to it, then click on the button labelled **F12 Order**.



You can move items up or down in the list to suit your preference.

8. Merging wordlists

You can merge two wordlists by opening a second list in the same column. Click on the Open button again, and choose your second wordlist. You will then be asked if you want to merge this with the wordlists already loaded. Click Yes to merge. The length of time this takes will depend upon the size of the wordlists you are merging and on the speed of your machine. It can take some time.



There are more details on using these and other features of the Resource Manager in Activity 13