

FAQs

Widgit symbol update

Why are the symbols changing?

The world we live in has changed, particularly in terms of culture and technology, and the updated symbols reflect these changes.

What has changed?

- **Cultural changes**
Gender stereotypes have been removed and many symbols have been made gender neutral and racially diverse.
- **Modernisation**
Many symbols have been redrawn to better represent technology as it looks now.
- **More symbols**
Hundreds of new symbols have been added to further encourage communication and independence.

How do I get the new symbols?

You don't need to do anything! When you update Grid, you will automatically see the improved symbols in any of your Widgit grid sets.

Have all the symbols changed?

No, some symbols are the same as they were before, some are slightly different, and only some have completely changed.

What if I don't want the new symbols?

If you're concerned about the new symbols, we recommend waiting to run the Grid update so you have time to prepare for the symbols changing. Widgit have some [useful tips](#) to help you prepare.

Why can't I keep the old symbols?

Widgit will be discontinuing the old symbols, so unfortunately we can't continue to support the old symbol library as well as the new one. And we love the new symbols, so we hope you will too!