

Open Photo Story.

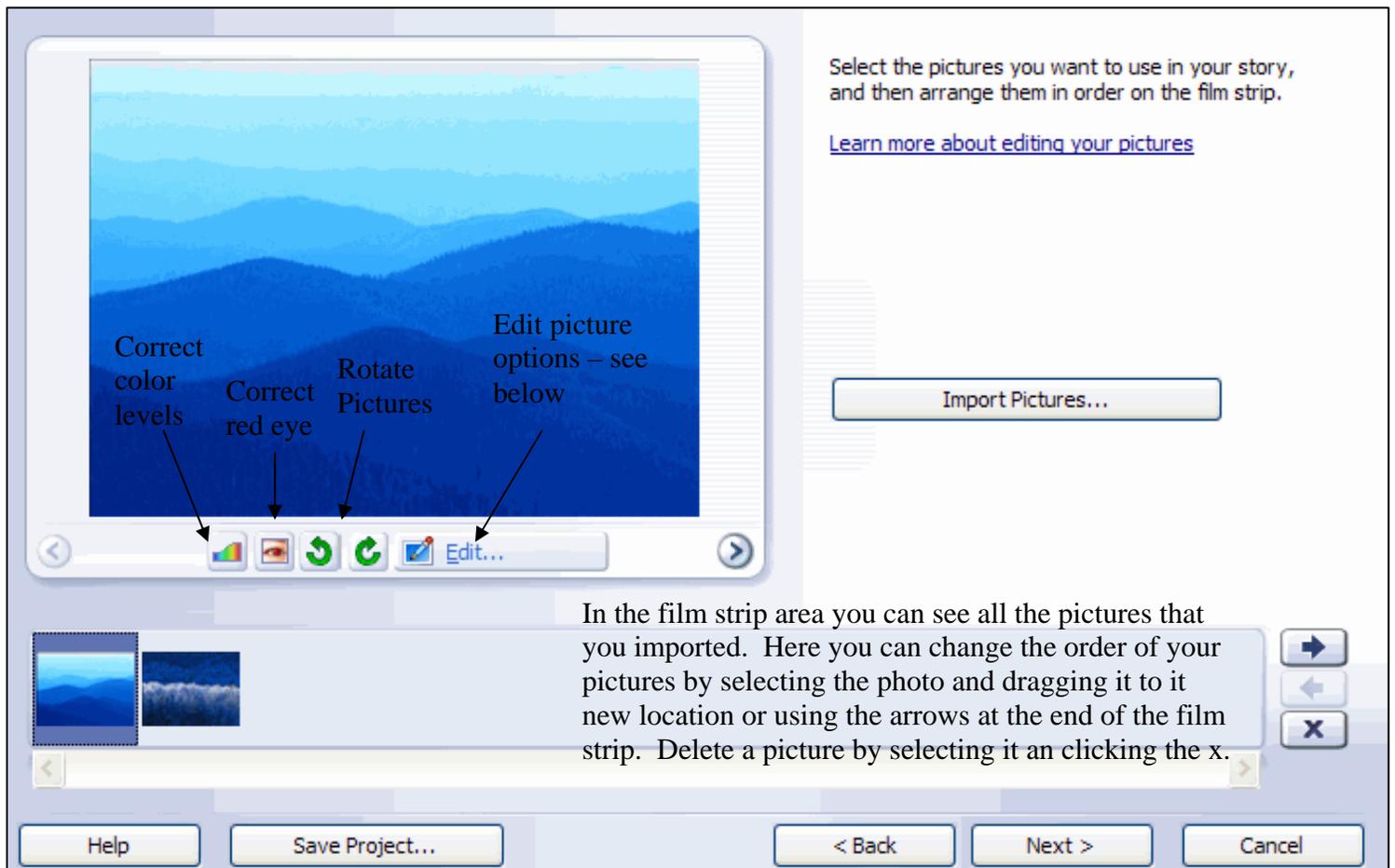
Choose begin a new story and click next.

Click on the “Import Pictures” button.

You will need to remember where you stored the pictures.

Click on the pictures that you want to add to your photo story. If you want to add more than one picture from a particular folder use ctrl-click. Then click ok. Continue to add pictures until you have them all imported.

The Import Window



The edit window has three tabs. The first tab is shown here. The other two tabs are shown below.

Use these buttons to rotate photos.

To crop your photo click the box next to the word crop. This will give you a box on top of your picture. You can adjust the size of the box and move the box around to highlight the area of the photo that you want to show.

After you are finished cropping click save. Close this window if you are finished editing or choose a different tab

Here are the options to choose from in the auto fix tab.

Correct Contrast

On Off

Correct Color Levels

On Off

Correct Red Eye

On Off

Here are the options in the add effect tab.

Select an effect to apply to this picture.

Effect:

- (none)
- (none)
- Black and White
- Chalk and Charcoal
- Colored Pencil
- Diffuse Glow
- Negative
- Outline, Black
- Outline, Grey
- Sepia
- Washout
- Water Color

Apply the selected effect to all of the pictures in your story

Note: If your story contains a large number of pictures, it may take a few minutes for Photo Story to apply the effect to all of the pictures.

Check this box if you would like to apply the special effects to all of your pictures.

When you are finished importing and editing your pictures click the next button.

Next you will come to the Add Title Screen. Here you can add titles and words to your pictures. You can also add an effect to your picture on this screen. **Be sure to select the picture in the film strip that you want to add the text to.**

The screenshot shows a software interface for adding titles to pictures. At the top, a blue header reads "Add a title to your pictures". Below it is a large preview window showing a blue-tinted landscape image with mountains. A text box is overlaid on the image with the instruction: "Use drop down menu to add an effect to your picture. An effect may help your text to stand out." Below the preview is a control bar with "Effect: (none)" and a dropdown arrow. To the right of the preview is a text entry area with a text box containing the placeholder "<Type text to add a title on the selected picture>". Above the text box are several alignment icons. Three callout boxes with arrows point to these icons: "Changes the font, size, and color" points to the font icon; "Changes the horizontal alignment" points to the horizontal alignment icons; "Changes the vertical alignment" points to the vertical alignment icons. Below the text box is the instruction "Type your text in the box." At the bottom of the screen is a film strip with two picture thumbnails, and a set of navigation buttons: "Help", "Save Project...", "< Back", "Next >", and "Cancel".

When you are finished adding titles to your pictures click the next button.

This screen will allow you to add narration to your pictures. You can also customize the motion of the pictures. Be sure to select the picture from the film strip that you want to add narration to. You will need a microphone to record the narration.

Narrate your pictures and customize motion

When you are ready to record press the button and begin talking.

Press this button to stop recording.

Preview your work.

Redo or delete your recording from a slide.

Customize Motion...

00:00 Stopped

<Type notes here to aid your memory as you narrate this picture.>

Preview...

Help Save Project... < Back Next > Cancel

Click the box to adjust the start position of your photo.

This will give you a box on top of your picture. You can adjust the size of the box and move the box around to highlight the area that you want the picture to start.

Click this box to adjust the end position of your photo.

Click this box to have your end position be the same as your beginning position.

Customize Motion

Motion and Duration Transition

Specify start and end position of motion

Start position: 00:00:00.0 800 x 600 pixels

End position: 00:00:05.0 800 x 600 pixels

Set start position to be the same as end position of motion

Set end position to be the same as start position of motion

Duration

Set duration automatically

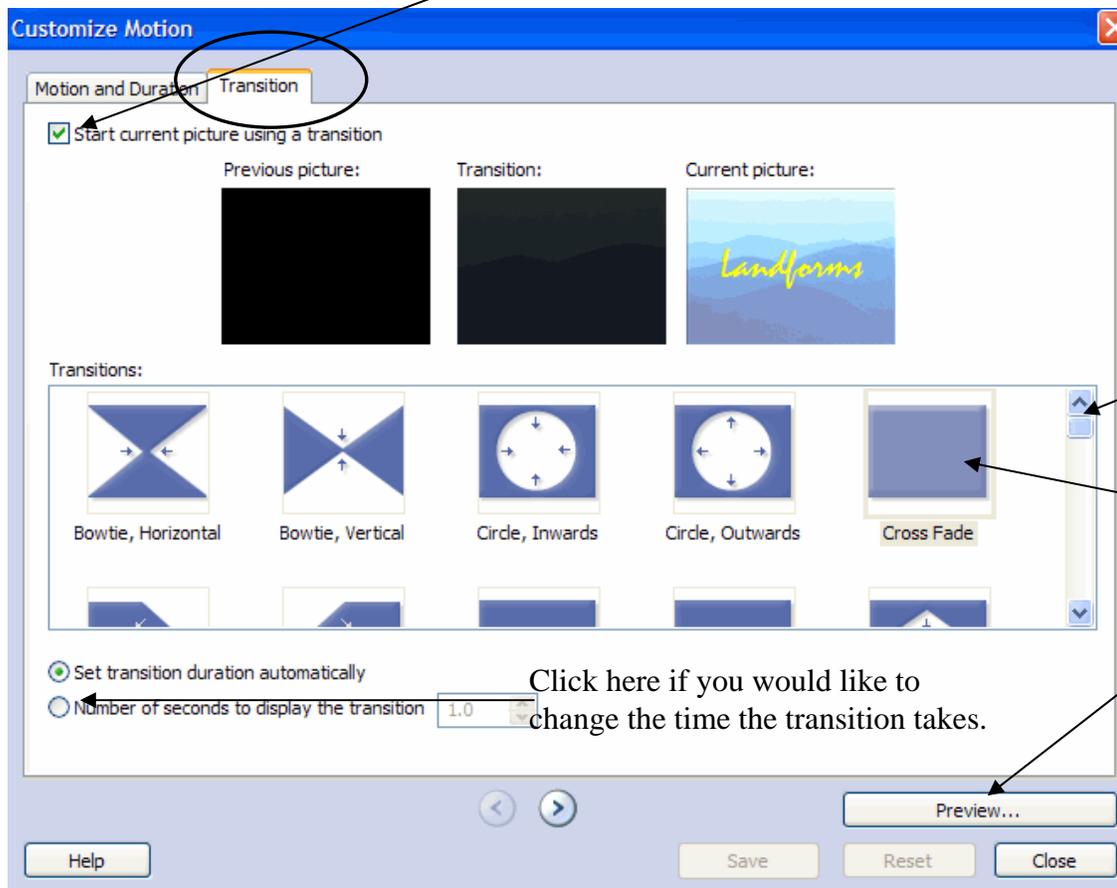
Number of seconds to display the picture 5.0

Preview...

Help Save Reset Close

Click here if you would like to adjust how long a picture is displayed. This may be helpful to you if you want one photo to display longer than others. Click the preview button to check your work.

In the transition tab of the Customize Motion Window, you can add transitions between you photos. **Be sure that there is a check in this box before you begin.**



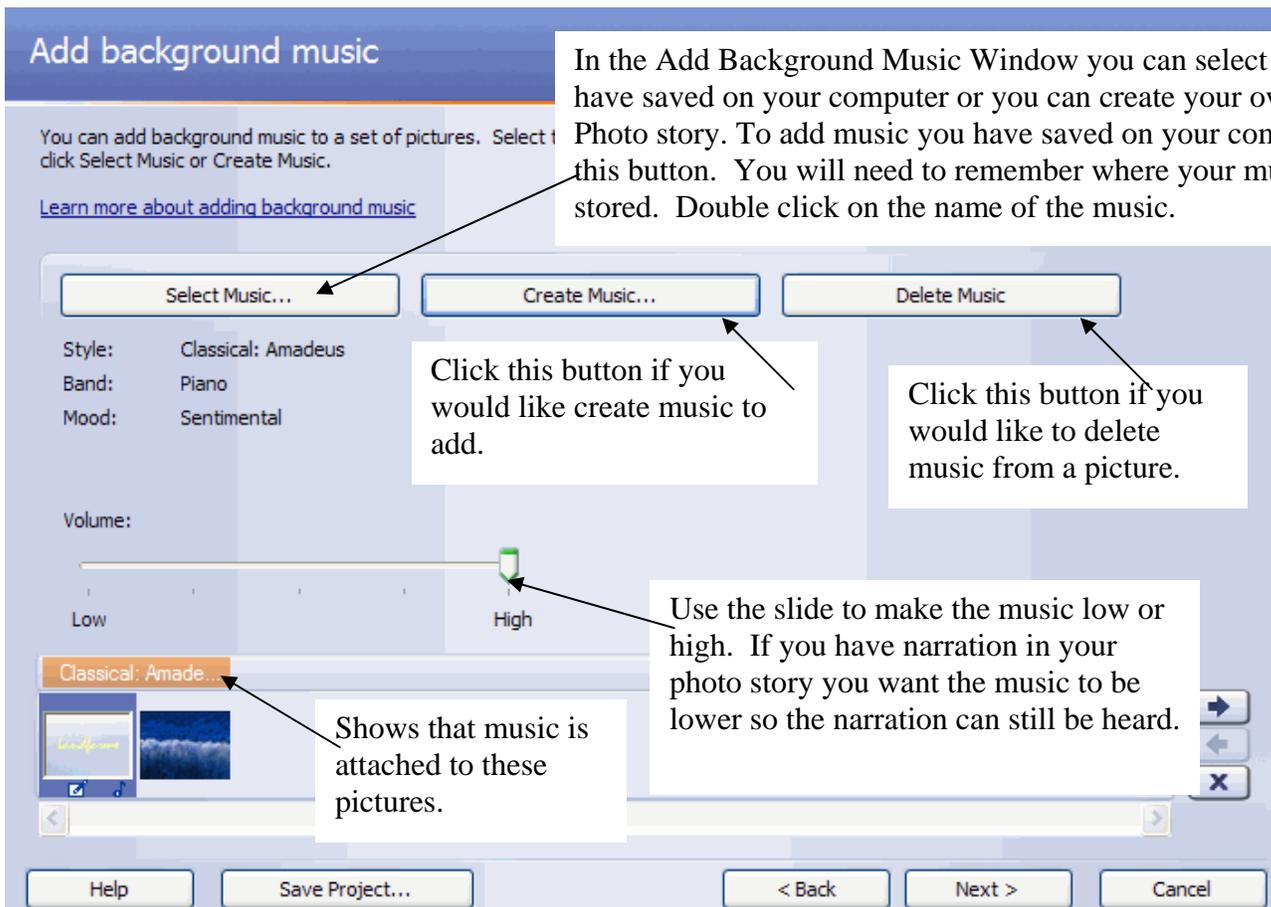
Use the scroll bar to see all of the different transitions.

Click on the transition you want to select.

Preview your work to see if you like the transition you chose.

Click here if you would like to change the time the transition takes.

When you are finished narrating your pictures and creating your custom motion click the next button.



In the Add Background Music Window you can select music that you have saved on your computer or you can create your own music in Photo story. To add music you have saved on your computer click this button. You will need to remember where your music file is stored. Double click on the name of the music.

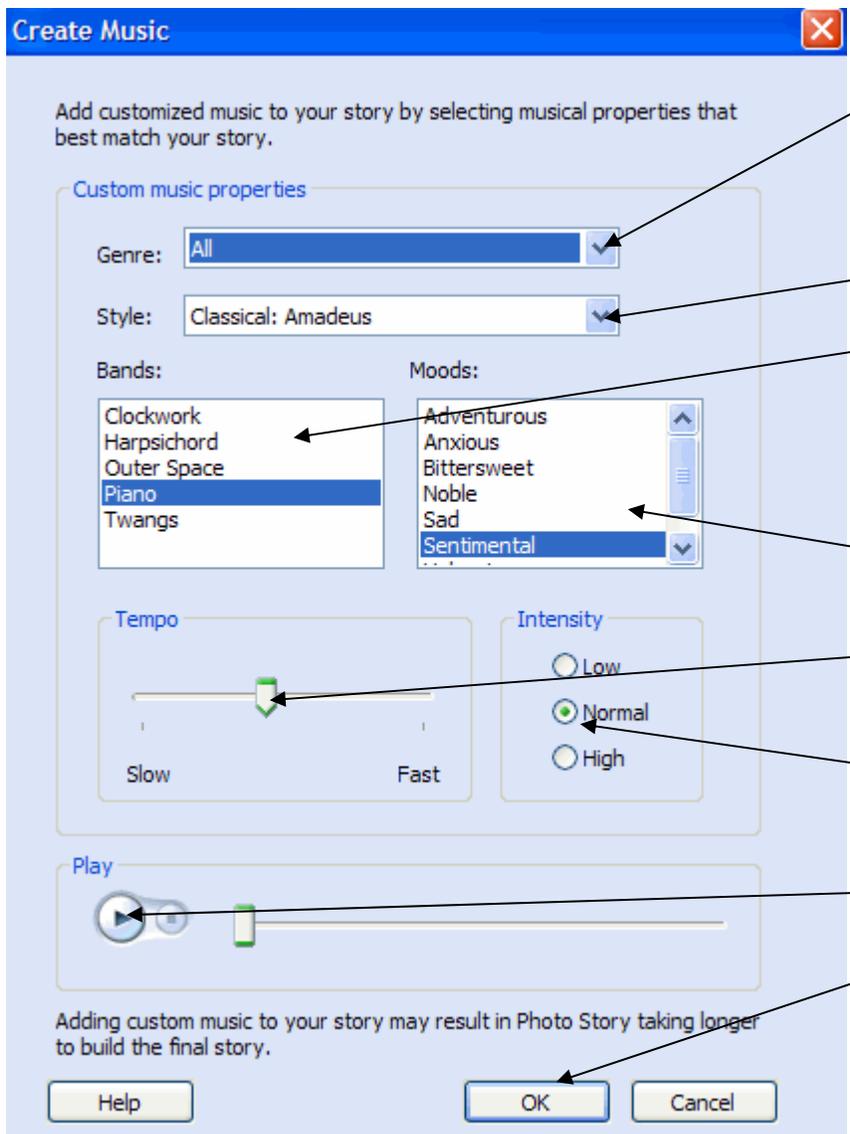
Click this button if you would like create music to add.

Click this button if you would like to delete music from a picture.

Use the slide to make the music low or high. If you have narration in your photo story you want the music to be lower so the narration can still be heard.

Shows that music is attached to these pictures.

When you click on create your own music. This window will open.



Use this drop down menu to choose the genre of music you would like.

Use this drop down menu to choose the style of music you would like.

Your choice of genre and style will determine the choices you have in the bands window.

Click here to choose the mood of your music.

Use the slide to change the tempo of your piece.

Click in the circle to choose the intensity of your music.

Click here to sample your masterpiece.

Click ok when you are finished and your music will be inserted into your photo story.

You can add different music to each picture or you can select or create music that will play over some or all of your pictures.

When you are finished adding music to your pictures click the next button.

The last part to creating your photo story is to save the project and to save the photo story to a movie. You can save the photo story project at any time through the creation process. A photo story project can only be opened with the photo story program. A photo story project can be edited over and over again. A photo story movie can not be edit. You can play the photo story movie on any computer that has Windows Media Player. This is free software that can be downloaded from the internet.

Save your story

What do you want to do with your story?

Activities:

- Save your story for playback on your computer
- Send the story in an e-mail message
- Save your story for playback on a Pocket PC with Windows Media Player 10 Mobile
- Save your story for playback on a Smartphone with Windows Media Player 10 Mobile

Learn more about the selected activity

Check for more story activities on the Microsoft Web site

File name

Specify the location and file name of your story:

es\PhotoStorypractice.wmv

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ize: 640x480

Settings...

Choose this option to create your photo story movie.

Decide where you would like to save your movie file. Use the browse button to specify the location for your file and to give your movie file a name.

Click here to save your project. Remember your project can be edited at any time but your movie can not.

After you have saved your project and chosen a location and name for your movie, click next.

After clicking next, the building your story window will open. There are 4 steps to building your story. The time it takes to finish this process will vary.

Building Your Story

Step 4 of 4: Generating video...

C:\Documents and Settings\user\Desktop\finished planets\planet movies\PhotoStorypractice.wmv

Completing Photo Story 3 for Windows

Your story has been created successfully!

File name: PhotoStorypractice.wmv
Location: C:\Documents and Settings\user\Desktop\finish...planet movies
Size: 308 KB

What would you like to do next?

On the last window you can choose to view your story, create a new one, or exit. If you have not saved your project you can do that here.