

Edit Pronunciation in My Own Bookshelf®

Depending on which computer you use for My Own Bookshelf®, you may notice that some words, especially proper names and technical terms, are mispronounced when the text reads aloud using **Text To Speech**. The exact pronunciation you hear depends on both the operating system and the particular speech engines installed, so there is no way to set this and save it with a book. That is, the pronunciation information resides in the lexicon for the installed MBS application on a particular computer, rather than becoming a part of a book.

However, you can change the pronunciation of any words in your own copy of My Own Bookshelf. Of course, you must be working in the full version of My Own Bookshelf, not the slideshow BookReader, to make any changes in pronunciation.

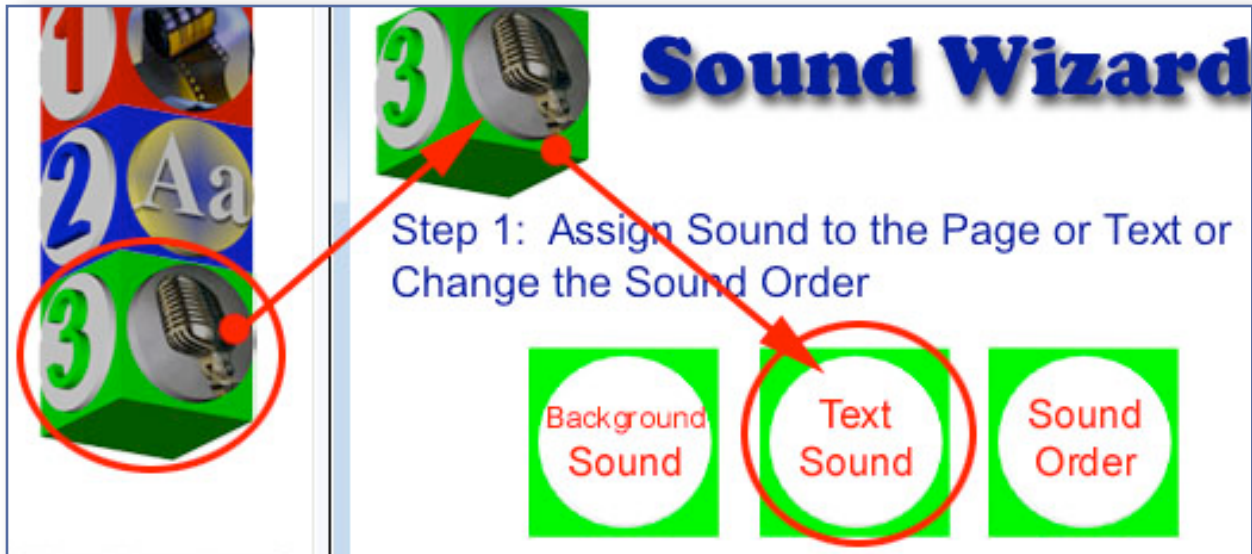


Important: You need to do this on every computer in which you plan to use books with the changed words, because the changed word or words are saved on the computer where you make the change, not in any individual book.

1. To edit the pronunciation, first start up **My Own Bookshelf** on your computer.
2. Click **Book**, then click **Change Book**, and select and open **any** book.

Tip: You do not necessarily have to open a book with words that **Text To Speech** has been mispronouncing, but you may want to do that to remind yourself of the exact word or words you want to change. Another strategy is to go through a book or even several books, and make a scratch list of words that need pronunciation changes. This is particularly helpful if you need to make the same changes on multiple computers.

3. Click the green cube to open the **Sound Wizard**. Click **Text Sound**.



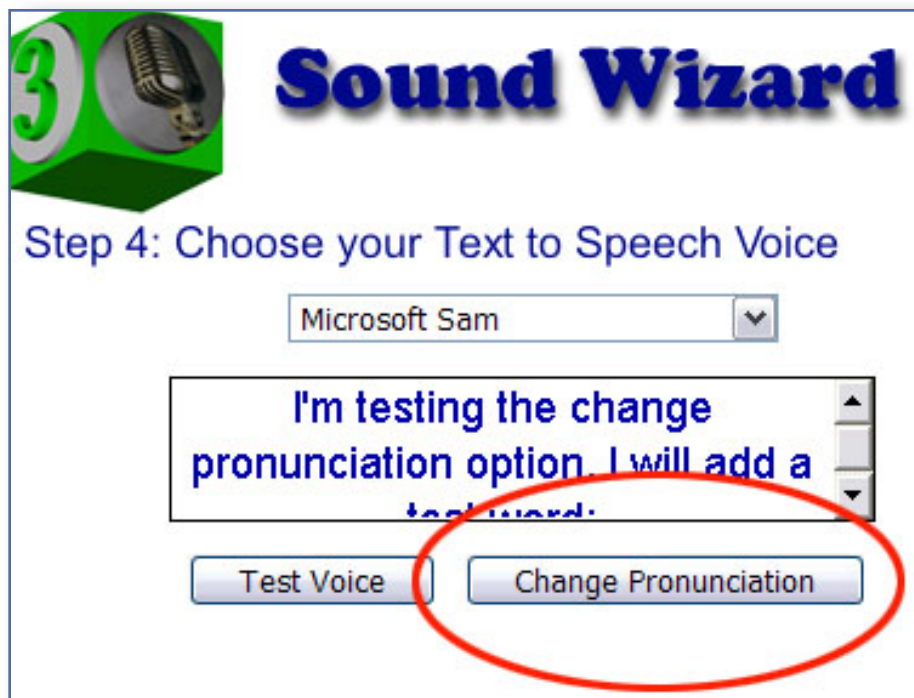
4. In the **Step 2** window that opens, click the green **Next** arrow at the bottom.



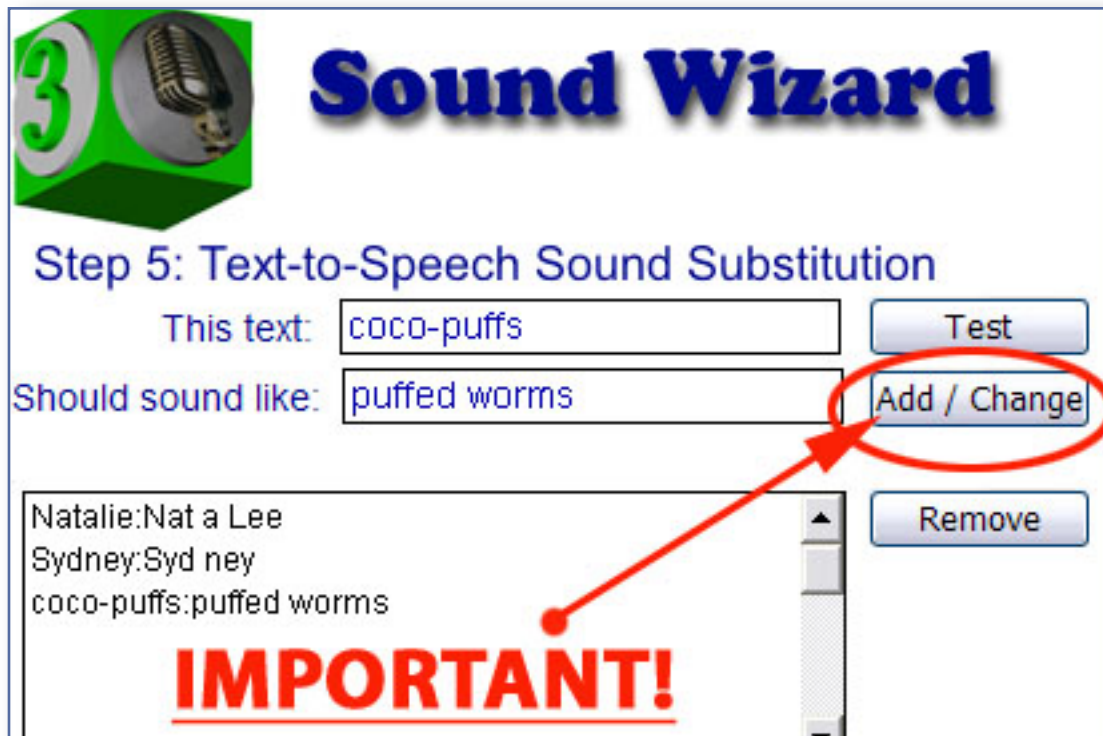
5. Click **Text to Speech**.



6. Click **Change Pronunciation**. This opens the lexicon editor.



7. Enter the text you want to change in the **This text** box. You must enter it exactly, but you do not have to enter both the lower case and capitalized versions.



3 **Sound Wizard**

Step 5: Text-to-Speech Sound Substitution

This text:

Should sound like:


Natalie:Nat a Lee
Sydney:Syd ney
coco-puffs:puffed worms

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8. In the **Should sound like** box just below, phonetically type in the text you want to change. For example, here I've decided that I want **coco-puffs** to read out as **puffed worms**. Notice that I had to put the hyphen in coco-puffs, if that's the way it was typed in the book or books where it appears. If it appeared without a hyphen in one of the books, I'd have to make that change as a separate entry.

Click the **Test** button to listen to the pronunciation. You may have to experiment and change the phonetic spelling several times before you get the text to read correctly.

9. When you are satisfied, click **Add Change**.

 **This step is most important!** If you skip it, the change will not be recorded! When you see your change listed in the larger window below, along with any previous changes, you know for sure that it has been saved.

10. Once you've recorded the change, you can type in a new word, type in its phonetic pronunciation, and add that to the list of changes. **Be sure you check that each change is recorded before moving on!** Here is where a pre-made list of words you've noticed that need changing can really save you time, since you can do them all in one session.

11. Once you've finished changing the pronunciation(s), click **Next**, **Next**, and **Finish** to close the **Sound Wizard**. At this point you will be looking at the book page. You can close the book, and do other tasks or close My Own Bookshelf.

The changes you made will be applied to the word or words you changed whenever they are encountered in any of the books on the current computer. But if you have MBS on several computers, you need to repeat the changes on each one. Here's another place where a list of all the words to change from one or more books would save time.