Linking Scenes

Once you have a series of scenes in an Xpression it is handy to provide objects or buttons that the user of your Xpression can use to move from scene to scene. This is called LINKING scenes and any object or text can be set to link one scene to another.

Using Text to Link Scenes

Let's add a 3-D TEXT message to move the screen to the second scene of your MY TRAVELS Xpression.

Entering the Text

1 Open your MY TRAVELS Xpression.

2 The first scene should open. Select the OBJECTS tab.

3 Click on the 3D TEXT button, enter:

NEXT SCENE

and click on INSERT.

4 Click on the text and select the TOOLS button.

5 Make the text smaller and move it to the right of the screen.

Linking the Text to the Next Scene

The ACTION panel is used to set objects to link scenes.

The scene you linked to is shown here.

1 Click on the ACTIONS button.

2 Click on the LINK box next to SELECT ACTION.

3 Click on the AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK scene.

NOTE: A LINKED message is added to the top of the screen to tell you that a link has been set and the green box in the ACTIONS panel tells you which scene you have linked to.

Testing the Link

The animation must be played to test that the link works correctly.

1 PLAY the animation and click on the NEXT SCENE text.

2 The AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK scene should open and start playing.

3 Click on the STOP button.

Linking With Objects

Linking with text messages can be confusing if you also have a passage of text in the scene. Another way to link scenes is to use objects.

Inserting the Object

1 The AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK scene should be on the screen.

2 Open the OBJECTS Library and select the SHAPES category.

3 Select the ARROW shape.

> 4 With the arrow selected click on the TOOLS button.
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> 5 Make the arrow smaller and move it to the right of the screen.

Copying the Object

A copy of the arrow can be placed on the left hand side of the screen.

> 1 Click on the CLONE tool.
>
> 2 Move the copy to the left of the screen and use the ROTATE arrows to face it to the left.

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Setting the Links

1 Click on the right arrow.

2 Select the ACTION button.

3 The LINK button should be on.

4 Click on the DOLPHINS AT PLAY scene to link to that scene.

5 Click on the left button.

6 Set its link to the JOURNEY BEGINS scene.