

What's New in SALT 18?

New Reports

1. *Performance Report (Database and Analyze menus)*
Data generated from various reports is used to create a cohesive narrative about the speaker's expressive language performance. This text can be copied and pasted directly your diagnostic reports.
2. *Database menu --> Transcript Length and Intelligibility Summary*
3. *Database menu --> Rate and Pause Summary*

New Language Measures

1. "Utterances with Dialogue" - total number of utterances containing quoted text.
2. "Pause Time as % of Total Time" - total pause time divided by total elapsed time.
3. "Verbs/Utterance" - total number of verbs and copula forms divided by the total number of utterances; only available for English samples – uses Grammatical Categories.

New "Find" Utility

Analyze menu --> Standard Utterance Lists (Find button); Explore menu --> Find

Locates utterances within the transcript, allowing the user to move to each selected utterance.

Research version only: *Tools menu --> Explore Multiple Transcripts --> Find*
Tools menu --> Check for Errors

Locates utterances within multiple transcripts by opening each transcript and allowing the user to move to each selected utterance.

New Transcript Conventions

1. @begin and @end added to transcript format to mark fixed beginning and ending points.
2. Allow between-utterance pauses formatted as ":02" or ";02", as well as ": :02" and "; :02".

Changes Which Affect How Language Measures Are Calculated

1. *Setup menu --> Analysis Settings --> Timing Lines*
Added setting to include/exclude + and = lines when determining if timing lines are sequential; used to subtract time from the total elapsed time.
2. Changes to handling of within and between-utterance pauses.
Within-utterance pauses with explicit zero time trigger an error and are ignored. Between-utterance pauses with explicit zero time are ignored except for turn change. Added warning if some pauses timed and some not timed.

Changes Which Affect How the Software Functions

1. Renamed *Database menu --> Select Database Comparison Set to Database menu --> Select Database Samples and Settings*. Moved "Standard Deviation Interval" setting into this dialogue box.
2. Reorganized the Edit menu, moving the Insert Templates for NSS, ESS, PSS, Comprehension Questions, and Fluency Behaviors into a submenu.