Changes from SALT 2010 to SALT 2012

New Reference Databases

- New *Play database* with play-based conversational samples from typically developing children, ranging in age from 2;8 - 5;8, drawn from preschools in Madison and kindergartens in the Madison Metropolitan Public School District. These children, whose primary language is English, came from a variety of economic backgrounds and ability levels.
- The *Expository database* and the *Narrative Story Retell database* have been expanded with the addition of samples from 155 5th and 6th graders from public schools in Madison and the Milwaukee area.
- More than 2,000 samples, based on 2 additional frog stories, were added to the *Bilingual Spanish/English Story Retell databases*.
- New Bilingual Spanish/English Unique Story database with 475 samples based on telling a frog story.
- *New Zealand Expository database* has been added, with 65 samples collected from New Zealand children aged 6;1 – 7;11. Participants were recruited from three primary schools located in suburban Auckland, New Zealand (NZ). This database was contributed by Marleen Westerveld who was supported by a Massey University Research Fund award.

Improvements to the Software

- New report format. The old report format has been replaced. Print these updated reports or save them as pdf files to incorporate into your evaluations and client records.
- All versions of SALT 2012 come with built-in support for Spanish and French transcription and analysis. In addition, SALT 2012 uses an expanded character set (UTF-8) which allows for transcription in many other languages.
- A new Grammatical Category Report has been added through the generosity of Dr. Ron Channell who contributed the algorithm, dictionary, and software code. All the words in the transcripts are categorized into 23 grammatical parts of speech, e.g., nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, coordinators, subordinators. Counts of each category are given with the option of listing the words within each category.
- A new Omissions and Error Codes report has been added which summarizes the omitted words, morphemes, and clitics, and the words and utterances coded as errors.
- The Database menu is now available with linked transcripts, allowing for a side-by-side report of two samples, each compared to age-matched peers.
- New transcription convention added for marking prefixes, e.g., un\happy.
- Research Version: The Rectangular Data File utility has been updated to include all the new data variables. The data is displayed with more-readable labels and a printable variable key.

New Textbook

Assessing Language Production Using SALT Software: A Clinician's Guide to Language Sample Analysis (Miller, J.F., Andriacchi, K., & Nockerts, A., 2011). This new textbook incorporates 25 years of research and clinical practice using language sample analysis. It provides both the conceptual background of LSA and practical guidelines for using SALT. It comes with most versions of SALT 2012 and can also be purchased separately.

SALT 2012 for Mac

We partnered with CodeWeavers, Inc. to develop SALT for Mac OSX v10.6 or later. Using Code Weavers' CrossOver software, SALT 2012 for Windows® is installed inside a virtual Windows environment. This version looks and runs a lot like any other Mac program although you may notice a slight delay when it starts up and you will notice a difference in the file system. But the best news is, there's no Windows license required; everything you need is included with the software. All versions of SALT now include installations for both Windows and Mac.