



## 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.