Tutorial: Sentences & Topics

Preparation

Start on Sentence Builder Page

View should be showing all sentences

Start recording

Intro

Hello, welcome to our tutorial series on how to use our Augmentative and Alternative Communications App S.A.L.T. This app is available for both Android and iOS. Today we will be going over how to manage Sentences and Topics within the app.

In this demonstration we will be using an iPhone 12 however the steps are the same for both iOS and Android devices.

Our Sentences section serves as a quick way to use partial or full sentences. Topics allow you to group these sentences into predefined or custom groups.

Navigation

As you enter the Sentence Builder screen this section should be the first one displayed. If not, you can tap the Sentences tab along the bottom left to switch to this view.

Tap the Sentences Tab

Within the sentences section along the bottom half, you will find the sentences that are saved in the system. By swiping up or down you can scroll through the list.

Scroll down through the list and Scroll up through the list

By default, all sentences are shown. You can filter this by tapping on the topic selector just above the sentence list.

Tap on Topics Dropdown

Then select the topic.

Tap a topic in the dropdown list

The sentences will then be filtered based on the chosen topic. To view all sentences again, tap on the topic selector.

Tap on Topics Dropdown

Then select all.

Tap "All" in the topic list

To add a sentence to the Sentence Builder, tap the sentence you would like to add.

Tap a sentence in the sentence list and wait for the TTS to finish

By default, the sentence will be spoken immediately after being added to the builder.

You may also tap the play button along the right-hand side of the screen to playback the sentence.

Tap the playback button and wait for the TTS to finish

Additionally, you can playback individual words by tapping on them.

Tap an individual word and wait for the TTS to finish

To remove a word from the end of the sentence builder tap the backspace button.

Tap the backspace button

If you want to clear the sentence builder tap and hold the backspace button.

Tap and hold the backspace button

Topics

Now we will go over how to add and delete topics within the app. To get to the topic management screen, first make sure that edit mode is on by taping the edit toggle in the upper right of the screen.

Tap the "edit" toggle to turn edit mode on

Once edit mode is enabled tap the now visible "Manage Topics" button.

Tap "Manage Topics" button

On this screen you can add and delete topics.

Adding a Topic

To add a new topic, in the text field near the top, type in a new topic name.

Tap the text field and enter a topic name

To add it tap return on the onscreen keyboard or tap the Add button.

Tap the "add" button next the the new topic text field

Deleting a Topic

To delete a topic, find the topic you wish to delete in the list and tap the Remove button to the right of it.

Find the topic added earlier and tap "Remove"

This will bring up a confirmation menu asking you to confirm. To remove the topic, tap the delete button. Note that this will also remove all sentences that were assigned to this topic.

Tap Yes on alert dialog

Returning to the Sentence Builder

When you are finished, tap the Done button at the bottom of the screen.

Tap "Done" button

Sentences

Now we will go over how to manage sentences in the app.

Adding a new Sentence

To add a new sentence, the edit mode toggle in the upper right needs to be enabled. Once edit mode is enabled, tap the Add Sentence button at the bottom of the screen to bring up the New Sentence screen.

Tap "Add Sentence" button

From this screen you can choose the topic you want to place the new sentence in.

Tap the topic select to show the list of topics and choose one

Then by tapping the text area using the on-screen keyboard enter the new sentence.

Tap the text area and enter in an example sentence

Once you are happy with the results, tap the Save button.

Tap the "Save" button

Your sentence will be added to the system and be ready to use.

Show the new sentence in the system

Editing a Sentence

We can edit a saved sentence by taping the sentence you want to edit while in edit mode.

Tap the sentence that was added earlier

In the popup menu tap Edit, this will show the Edit Sentence screen.

Tap the popover "Edit" option

From this screen you can change the topic the sentence belongs to by tapping the topic name and selecting a new one from the list.

Tap the topic name to bring up the drop down menu. Then select a new topic.

You can also edit the sentence by tapping on the text to bring up the keyboard.

*Tap the sentence and modify the sentence"

Tap save to save the changes. You will see that our sentence appears with its new text.

Tap "Save" and show that the changes had been made

Removing a Sentence

Lastly you can remove an unneeded sentence. While edit mode is turned on, tap the sentence you would like to delete.

Tap the sentence that was added earlier

From the popup menu tap Delete.

Tap "Delete" popover option

A confirmation will be displayed, asking you to confirm your selection. Once deleted it can not be undone.

Tap to confirm the sentence deletion

Conclusion

This concludes our tutorial on managing Sentences and Topics within the S.A.L.T. app. You can find more tutorials on how to use the SALT app at our website www.saltapp.ca. Thank you for listening and have a great day.