Tutorial: Sentence Builder Overview

Preparation

Start on sentence builder page

View should be showing all sentences

Tap "This app helps me communicate" sentence to have it displayed in the top area

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. In this tutorial we will be providing an overview on how to use our sentence builder.

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

Our Sentence Builder has two primary areas. The top section is where you can see the sentence you have built with options to edit and share. The bottom section is where you can choose pre-configured sentences and words you want to use in your sentence.

Top Area

Starting with the top area. Along the right-hand side, we have multiple buttons that we can use to modify the sentence.

The top most button is the backspace button. Tapping this button will remove the last word added to the sentence.

Tap Button and Remove last added word

By tapping and holding you can clear the sentence.

Tap and hold Button to clear the displayed sentence

The second button in the list will allow for typing in the sentence area.

Tap Button to display the on-screen keyboard

This will bring up the on-screen keyboard and will enable adding words through typing.

Add a few words using the keyboard

The third button in the list is our playback button. Tapping this button, the app will play back your sentence using Text to Speech.

Tap the playback button and wait for the TTS to finish

Additionally, you can tap an individual word to playback that single word.

Tap one of the words and wait for the TTS to finish

Lastly for the top area we will go over the additional options. When tapped a dropdown of extra features and shortcuts will be displayed.

Tap more "..." button

The first option Clear is a shortcut that can be used to clear the sentence from the sentence builder. The second option Save will save the sentence into the sentence list below. Lastly the Share option will allow you to share the sentence you have built in other apps.

Bottom Area

The second area here allows you to add pre-configured sentences and words into your sentence and is split into two tabs. These tabs can be found along the bottom of the screen.

The first tab is our sentences tab.

Tap the "Sentences" Tab

This tab lets you add partial or full sentences by tapping on the one you wish to add.

Tap on a Sentence to add it

You can filter what sentences are displayed by using the dropdown.

Tap the topic dropdown

Here you can choose which topic to display.

Choose a topic to display

From this dropdown you can also return to displaying all the sentences in the system by selecting the "All" option.

Bring up topic dropdown and select "All"

The second tab is our words tab.

Tap the "Words" tab

This tab lets you add individual words to your sentence. We use a folder-based system to organize words by category or use.

By tapping a folder, you can open it.

Tap a folder

To leave the folder tap the back button next to the current folders name.

Tap the "back" button next to the folder name

Lastly When you see the word you want to add, tap it to add it to the sentence builder.

Find and tap to add a word to the sentence builder

Outro

And this concludes our overview of the sentence builder. 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.