The Text Explorer platform can be used to describe the counts and frequencies of words and phrases in unstructured text data, such as text found in comment fields in surveys or incident reports. Combine similar terms, recode text, describe the underlying patterns, or use a word cloud to visualize your text data.

Note: Additional text analysis tools are available in JMP Pro. See the page Text Explorer – Analyzing Unstructured Text Data for more information.

Summarizing Text Data

1. From an open JMP® data table, select Analyze > Text Explorer.
2. Click on a categorical or unstructured text variable from Select Columns, and click Text Columns (categorical variables have red or green bars and unstructured text variables have grey lines (≡)).
3. Click OK.

By default, JMP will provide the following results:

- A summary of the number of terms and cases.
- Term and Phrase Lists, providing a summary of the most commonly occurring terms and phrases.

4. Prepare the text data.

Many text preparation options, including stemming and parsing, are available under the red triangle. Additional options are available from the Term and Phrase Lists.

- To remove terms or phrases, select the terms (or phrases), right-click, and select Add Stop Word.
- To add phrases to the term list, select the phrases, right-click, and select Add Phrase.
- To combine terms or change the values, select the terms, right-click, and select Recode.

Visualizing Text Data with Word Clouds

To generate a word cloud for your prepared text data, select Display Options > Show Word Cloud from the red triangle menu.

Options for customizing the word cloud are available from the red triangle next to Word Cloud.

In this example, the options Centered Layout and Arbitrary Colors were used.

Notes: For more details on text exploration and analysis, including information on preparing text data, see Chapter 12 in the book Basic Analysis (under Help > Books) or search for “text explorer” in the JMP Help.