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# Autocorrect & Predictive Text Entry

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Have you finished the paper yet?

No

Why not?

Because I'm a prostitute

Well I'm sorry to hear that....

PROCRASTINATOR. I  
MEAN IM A  
PROCRASTINATOR!!

why me...

Read 10:37 AM

stupid iPhone 🤔

[DAMN YOU AUTOCORRECT.COM](http://DAMN YOU AUTOCORRECT.COM)

Send

Messages

In Case Of Em...

Edit

Love u

How's the morning sickness?

Not too bad today. I can't believe that we're having another baby :)

I'm leaving you

WHAT???!!!!!!!!

now. I'm leaving work NOW. I am NOT leaving you!

Now I'm really gonna throw up



autocorrectfail.org

Send





## **Autocorrect**

Automatically correcting misspelt words as you type



## **Next Word Prediction**

Predicting the next word based on what has been already typed

# Introduction

offer the free ticket up.  
And rock out for me.

Delivered

Will do man! Sounds  
goodbye

Good\*

If you type a word the  
iPhone doesn't recognize  
like wowza

Send

Keyboard with predictive text suggestions: "wowza", wows, woes

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Good\*

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Keyboard with predictive text suggestions: "wowza", wows, woes

Delivered

Will do man! Sounds  
goodbye

Good\*

If you type a word the  
iPhone doesn't recognize  
like wowza make sure you  
tap on the word in  
quotations in the  
predictive text bar

Send

Keyboard with predictive text suggestions: and, in, is

# By Using Probabilistic Models



## Language Models

Created using N-grams

Could be character based or word based

Requires collecting training text



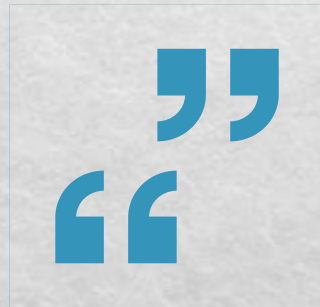
## Spatial Models

Distribution of probabilities over a tap target

As a solution for the fat-finger-problem

And not having physical key boundaries

# By Using Probabilistic Models



## Language Models

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- Could be character based or word based
- Requires collecting training text



## Statistical Models

- Distribution of probabilities over a target
- As a solution for the fat-finger problem
- And not for the boundaries





this is the house that Jack built.  
this is the malt that lay in the house that Jack built.  
this is the rat that ate the malt  
that lay in the house that Jack built.  
this is the cat  
that killed the rat that ate the malt  
that lay in the house that Jack built.  
this is the dog that worried the cat  
that killed the rat that ate the malt  
that lay in the house that Jack built.  
this is the cow with the crumpled horn  
that tossed the dog that worried the cat  
that killed the rat that ate the malt  
that lay in the house that Jack built.

Let's do  
some  
n-gram  
counting

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Unigram (1-gram)	F
the	22
that	21
this	6
is	6
house	6
Jack	6
built	6
malt	5
lay	5
In	5
ate	4

# this is the house that Jack built.

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Bigram (2-gram)	F
this is	6
is the	6
the house	6
house that	6
that Jack	6
Jack built	6
that lay	5
in the	5
lay in	5
malt that	5
the malt	5

# this is the house that Jack built.

this is the malt that lay in the house that Jack built.

this is the rat that ate the malt

that lay in the house that Jack built.

this is the cat

that killed the rat that ate the malt

that lay in the house that Jack built.

this is the dog that worried the cat

that killed the rat that ate the malt

that lay in the house that Jack built.

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Trigram (3-gram)	F
this is the	6
the house that	6
house that Jack	6
that Jack built	6
that lay in	5
the malt that	5
in the house	5
lay in the	5
malt that lay	5
built this is	5
Jack built this	5

# Text:

Trigram (3-gram)	F
this is the	6
the house that	6
house that Jack	6
that Jack built	6
that lay in	5
the malt that	5
in the house	5
lay in the	5
malt that lay	5
built this is	5
Jack built this	5

Top 3 next word suggestions:

- this
- the
- house

Text: t

Trigram (3-gram)	F
t this is the	6
t the house that	6
t that Jack built	6
t that lay in	5
t the malt that	5

Top 3 next word suggestions:

- this
- the
- that

# Text: th

Trigram (3-gram)	F
this is the	6
the house that	6
that Jack built	6
that lay in	5
the malt that	5

Top 3 next word suggestions:

- this
- the
- that



# Text: the

Trigram (3-gram)	F
the house that	6
the malt that	5

Top 3 next word suggestions:

- house
- malt

# Text: the h

Trigram (3-gram)	F
the house that	6

Top 3 next word suggestions:

- house

# Text: the hi

Trigram (3-gram)	F
the house that	6

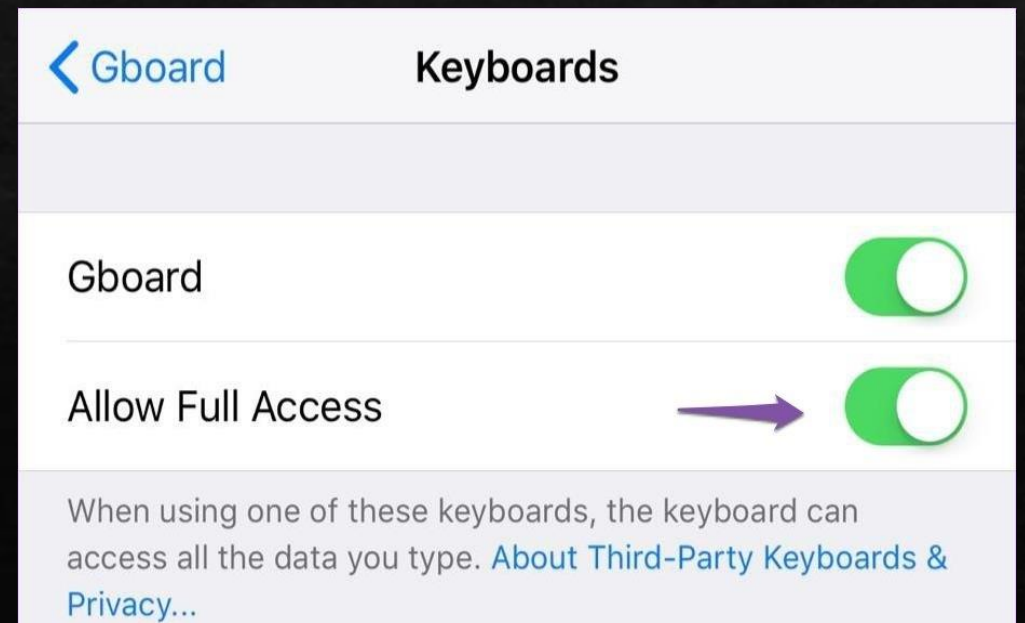
Top 3 next word suggestions:

- house  
(autocorrect)

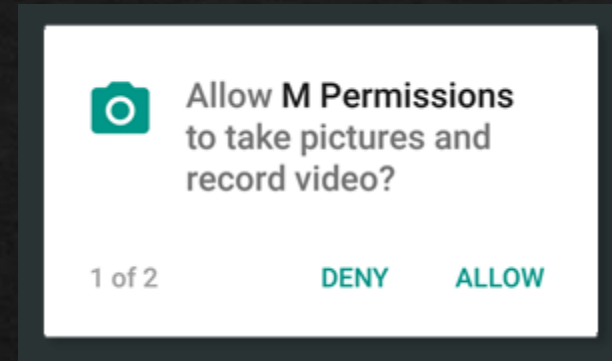
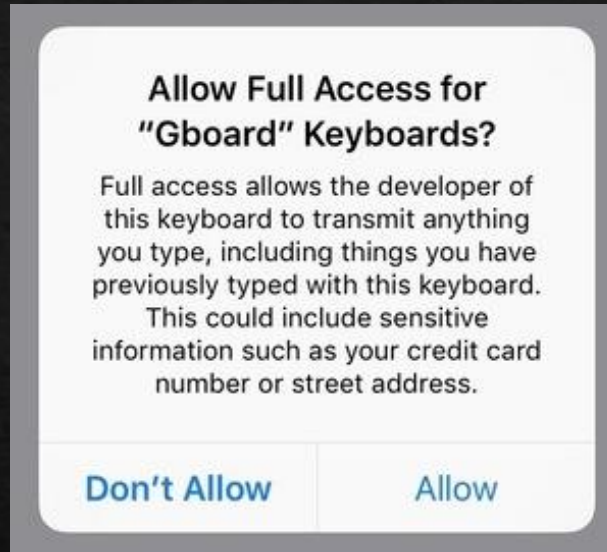
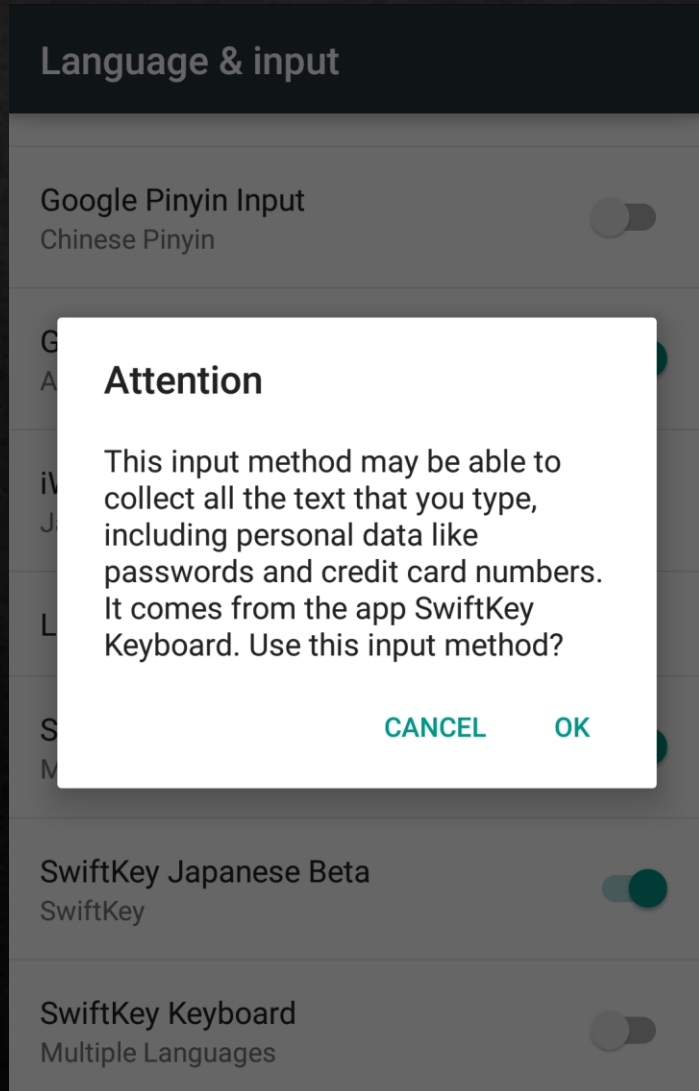
# Where do these texts come from?

- ◇ For Android/Google Keyboard
  - ◇ Prebuilt Corpus provided on installation
- ◇ If Personalized dictionary is ON, collects
  - ◇ Typed texts using mobile keyboard
- ◇ If given consent, collects
  - ◇ Gmail Emails
  - ◇ Google Search Queries
  - ◇ Text on other Google Services

On any device associated with Google Account



# Risks and Mitigation





Maximize Performance, Accuracy  
and User Experience

# Live Classroom Activity

Please join in with me – turn on your webcams – and take your smartphones

In the next slide, there will be a statement, type that into the SDC 05 WhatsApp group as fast as possible.

Keep autocorrect ON.

Let's see who has the fastest fingers!

My favourite country is <name>



# Live Classroom Activity

Please join in with me – turn on your webcams – and take your smartphones

In the next slide, there will be a different statement, type that into the SDC 05 WhatsApp group as fast as possible.

Keep autocorrect OFF

Let's see who has the fastest fingers!

My favourite city is <name>

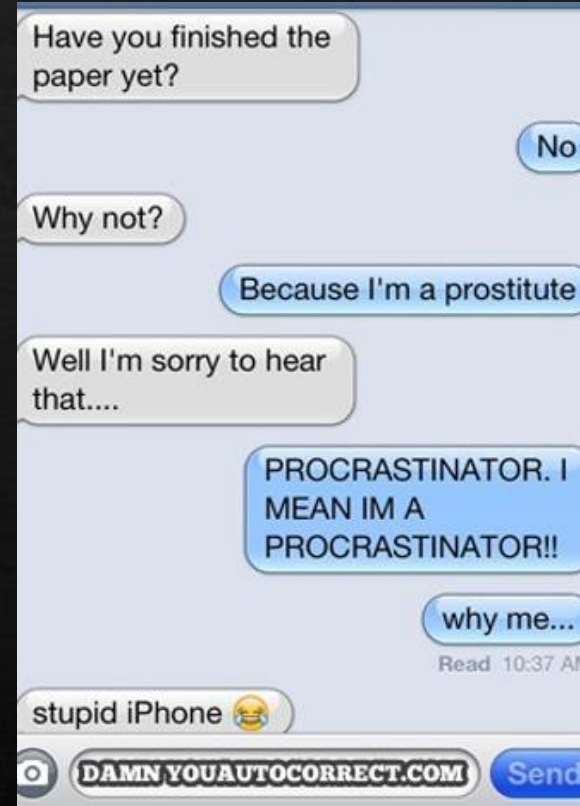
# Improve User-Experience

## ◆ DO's

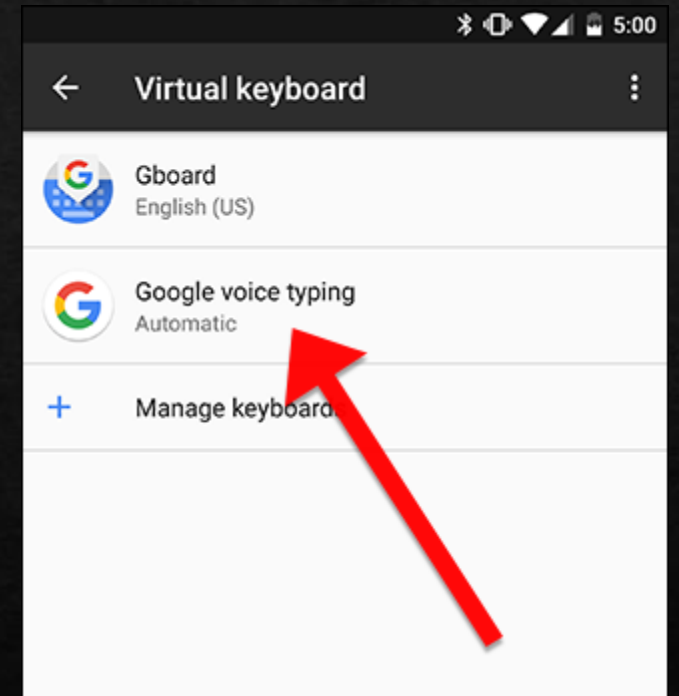
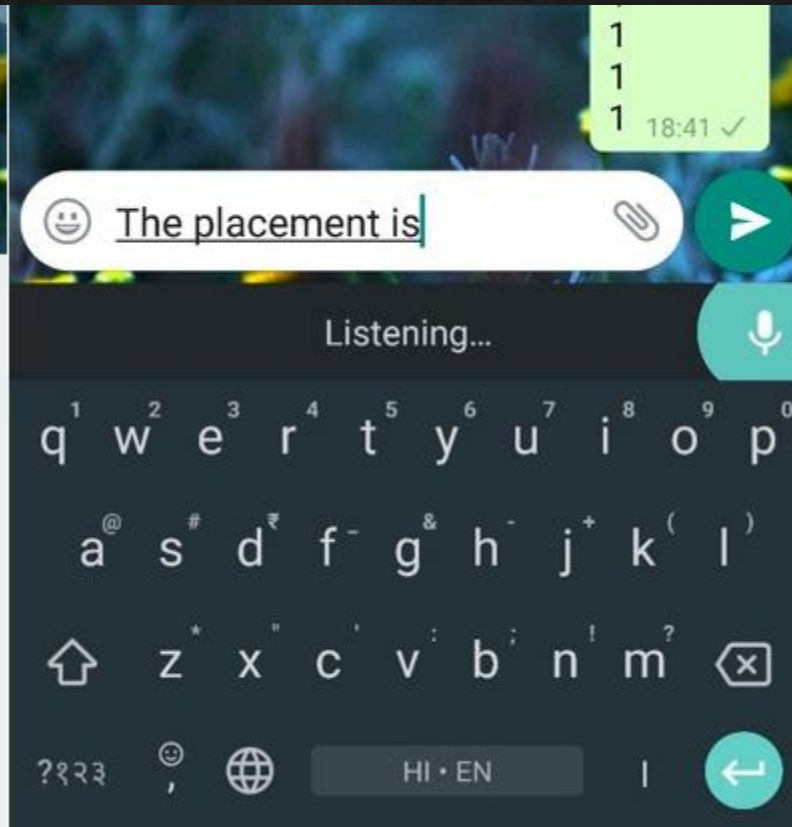
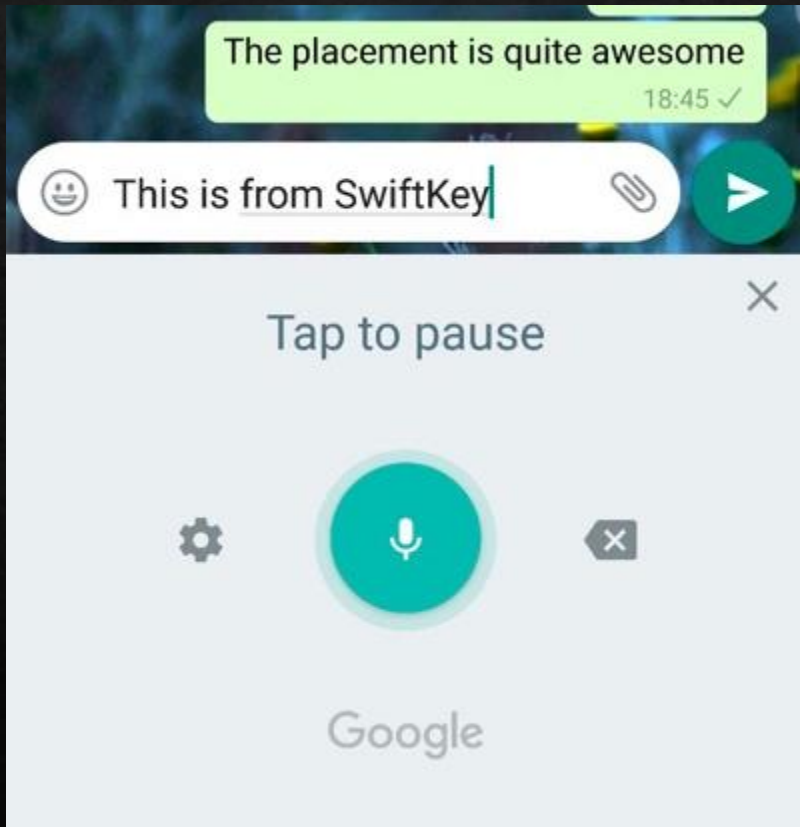
- ◆ Use auto-correct
- ◆ Use correct spellings when typing

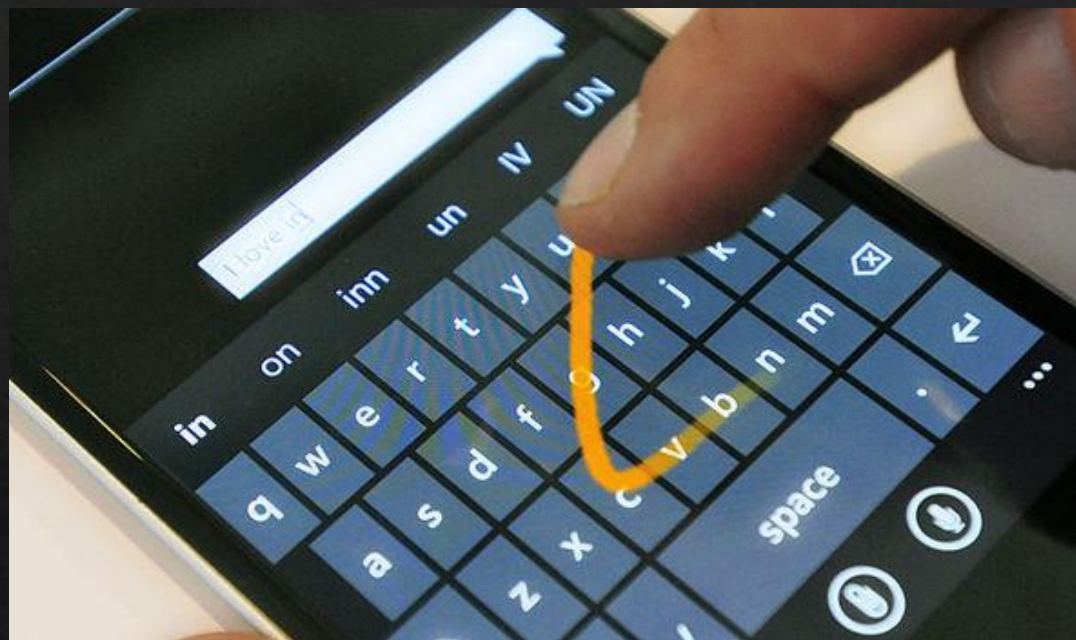
## ◆ DON'T's

- ◆ Let others consistently use your phone
- ◆ Type in mixed languages – unless they keyboard is built for that purpose



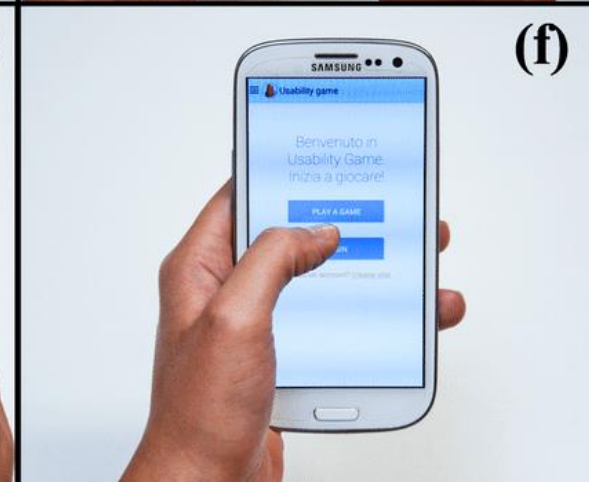
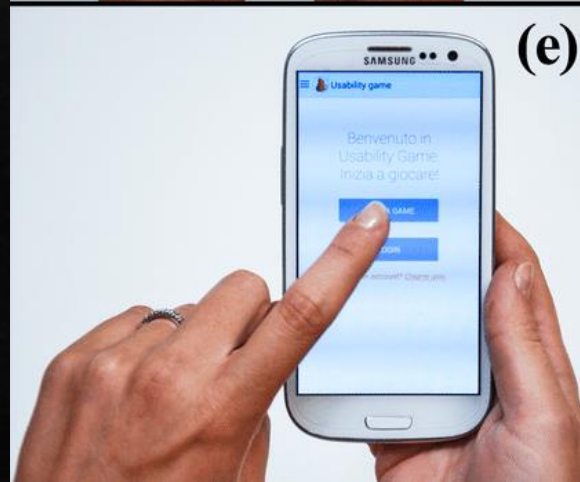
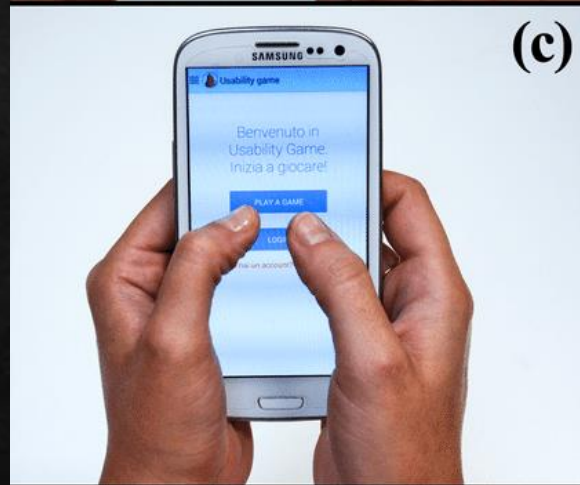
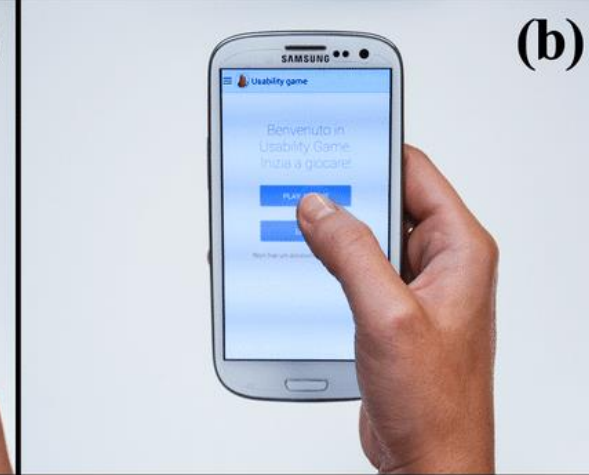
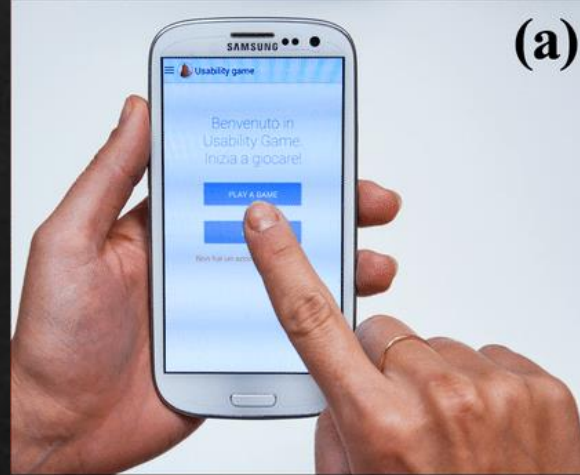
# Use SPEECH Input





Use the Gesture Keyboard

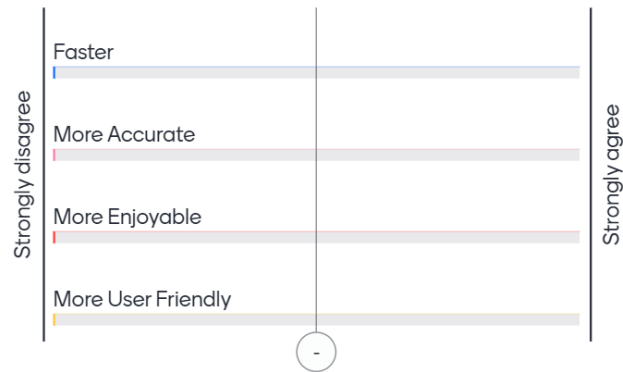
# Appropriate Hand Posture For Situation



Go to [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com) and use the code 87 74 66 1



## Using Autocorrect makes typing



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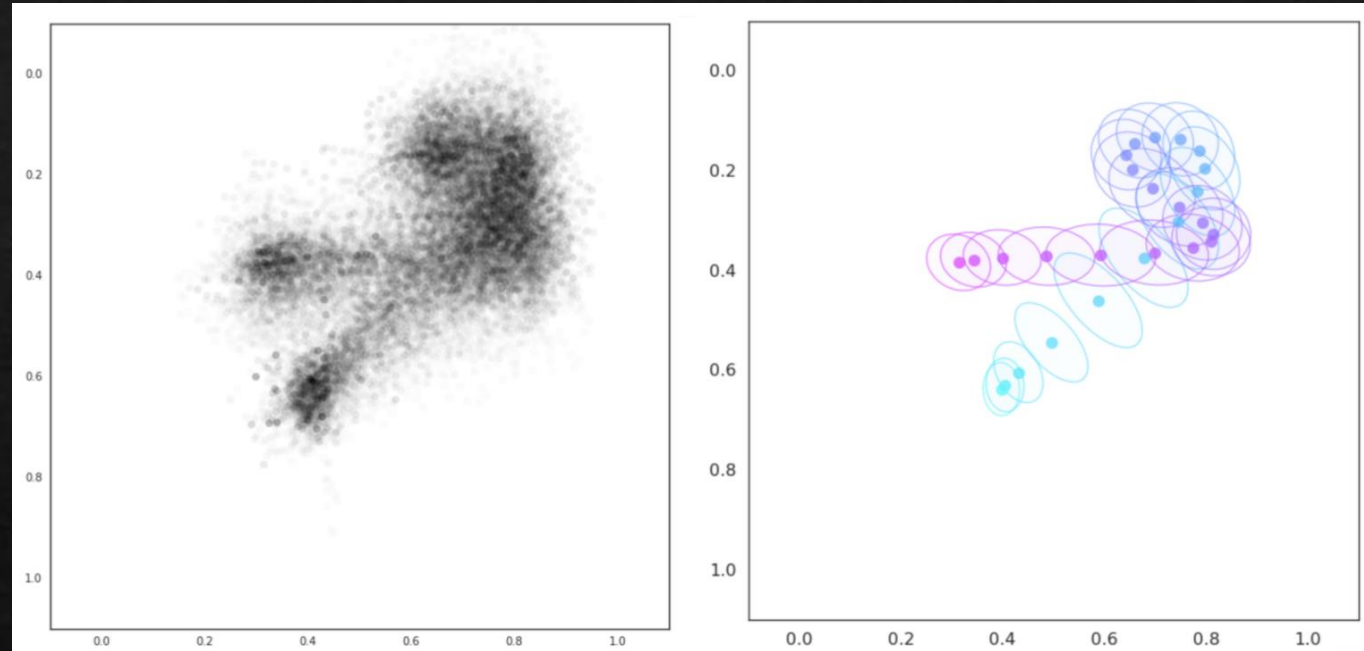
## The Best Hand Posture Is



87 74 661

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# Next Lesson – Spatial Models



How spatial models affect autocorrect  
and predictive text entry





## Summary

At this point, you would be able to:

- ◆ Explain how modern text entry systems perform autocorrect and word prediction using language models
- ◆ Describe the risks associated with modern autocorrect and predictive text entry
- ◆ Explain and apply how to get the best performance and user-experience from your smartphone's autocorrect and predictive text entry features