

Reading Functions Video Transcript, February, 2021

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Well, well, hello everyone. Good day and I hope you're all doing well. This is again Mike here and welcome to an exciting tutorial on the Cosmo Braille. And today what we want to look at is how to do some reading functions on the Cosmo because one of the things that we do in, in curriculum when you're teaching Braille is to show you how to read Braille.

So for this demonstration folks, I'm gonna load the paper in and I'm going to write a couple of things and at that point I'm going to show you some of the reading functions that are possible. Okay so what we'll do. I will take the piece of paper and I will turn on the Cosmo unit of course first of all.

(Sound of Braille)

I took the piece of paper a little bit too soon. That happens sometimes. But just remember to turn on the Cosmo Braille. That's the first thing that you want to do

And it goes through its loading process as it always does and once it makes that double beep we are good to go. So I'm gonna grab the paper, push it into the tray like so uh, with both hands and then with one hand I'm going to slightly push onto the paper just to make sure that it's going to load and of course we're going to load the paper by pressing the ALT and the CTRL together.

And as you observe, the paper loads into the tray and we're ready to start writing. So just give me two seconds, I'm going to write a line here..

(Sound of Braille)

Just finished writing. So as you can see, I'm pretty fast at typing. I mean you guys, you know, take your time and write how you want. I just happen to have a very quick knack of using the Cosmo and you guys will too. So don't worry about that. This is something that happens with skill development and practice and as I always say, practice makes perfect. So I'm going to do a function that will allow me to read the paper. Now as you'll notice, maybe it may be a little bit difficult to see, but we will have a photo documenting this, there is what we call the cur.. I like to call it a a wire, but

it's actually the head, the actual wire head, that actually moves across the paper across the line as you're writing so it's a little wire locator that's available that should be there on your Cosmo and we use this to locate where the actual line is.

So if it's farther to the left of course it's going to be on this area here. But again, you might not be able to see the picture but that's what happens, if it's on the left-hand margin the wire is going to be on the left if it's in the center the wire is obviously going to be located in the center and they've designed this so that you can actually feel the the wire locator. And that's actually pretty cool. So I like that, that you can actually feel where your, your cursor head is. So what you do at this point is you want to be able to read what you've written and the way to do that is, you press the Spacebar and Function number 8, which is actually the return but I like to call it that, we as we we're going to stick to the terminology so it's the Spacebar and function 8

(Sound of Brailier)

And as you'll see the paper comes out slightly. And uh you'll see the text that's been written and I've written uh, "Hello my name is Michael" and then I put "Ciarciello". Now what's nice about the Cosmo is that if the text doesn't fit on the line it actually knows enough that when it reaches the edge on the right hand side, that it will actually carry on the next characters into the next line. So it did put my name and put c-i-a-r and then c-i and then the e-l-l-o is on the next line with the period. So it's, it's so intuitive. It's so nicely designed so that you know you guys can keep on writing text and not have to worry about whether you reach the end of the line. It knows enough that it can carry on the next characters of a word to the next line and complete that word there. So if I want to, say for example, I want to bring down the system like the Cosmo to the previous line, I can do this because this is a reading function. I can do this by simply hitting the function, the Key 1, function Key 1 and the Spacebar together.

(Sound of Brailier)

And then that will do like, we'll do that like so. So it'll keep on as, and so and it goes backwards and forwards. So as I press function Key 1 and the Spacebar it allows me to go back in line to the previous line and if I want to go to the next line I can just simply hit the function and Key 4 right so that

that's how it's done. So I'm going to bring my cursor or my line back down to the beginning. So I'll just press the function Key 1 with the Spacebar. And we're perfectly set and ready to go. So I can continue writing some text. Then I'll do so right now.

(Sound of Brailier)

I'm just writing anything that comes to mind. That's why it's taking a little bit longer for me to write. So again, if I want to read that text I just basically press the Spacebar and function Key 8 and, voila there you have it. Now what happened was I didn't actually, actually did a good job. It actually did a paragraph for me. That's actually fantastic. So, no, I love this thing. It's amazing. So, it actually wrote the line of text and did a paragraph because it knew that I was finished writing the sentence and it knew enough to indent, to write the the paragraph.

So ladies and gentlemen uh, there you have it. Those are some of the reading functions. I would like to basically tell you guys with, you know, if you want to look at further functions, because of course you know we can only go through so much in this video. I encourage you to take a look at the table of function Keys, function commands that we'll provide to you. And so I encourage you to take a look at that, and you know, you can look at further commands and of course, if of course you have any questions, as always you know you can always contact Mike and Mike or Dave Pillischer and we'll be glad to support you in any which way. And with that being said ladies and gentlemen I wish you a fantastic day wherever you are and look forward to seeing you the next time.