Annotation

In this tutorial, we will show you how to work with annotations, or comments*, on the visualization.*

Scatter

To add a comment to a point, all you have to do is select the point, and click the ⊕ button. You'll get a box where you can enter a message. Just press the checkmark to finish, and it'll show up. Feel free to zoom all around, and your comment will stay right in place.

Block Comments

If you don't have a point selected, you can still add a comment. Again, click ⊕, and enter a message. The comment comes up in the corner, but it can be dragged all around. Zoom out, and it stays right in place for you.

Other Visualizations
You can do the same for other visualizations, even if they don't have the point option.

Editing

You can edit comments after you make them. Select a comment by clicking on it, then click the ✎ button. You have some formatting options, such as bold, italic, and using large font. You can also create a link which makes the text a clickable button. Press the checkmark to save, or the trashcan to delete the comment.

For points, just select the point to get the edit option.

Saving
Your comments won't be around anymore when you finish your session. To keep your comments, save a visualization, just like we always do on iSENSE when we want to save a layout.

Demo
Now let's get into the demo, where we'll make a set of questions for students to answer. Here's a project showing the height of two flowers over time. On the timeline, let's add some annotations labeling a few of the stages of growth.

We'll leave the rest blank, and add a block comment in the corner asking a question about the graph.

Now, I want the students to be able to submit their answers, so I'll create a comment with a link to a Google Classroom question. It can be any link you want though.

Lastly, students will be able to add comments of their own so I'll instruct the students to work on labeling the other line if they manage to finish early.   To be clear, the comments that other users add aren't saved to your visualization, so students can't mess up any of your work.

This is an example of how teachers can use iSENSE annotations, but there are many possible other uses, such as for your personal notes or describing discrepancies in your data. We hope you enjoy using annotations!