# Is Your Dictionary Interfering with Realtime?

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- Owner of Dictionary Jumpstart
- Publish "Drug Speller" reference book
- President of the Michigan Association of Professional Court Reporters (MAPCR)

#### A Captioner's Comfy Closet



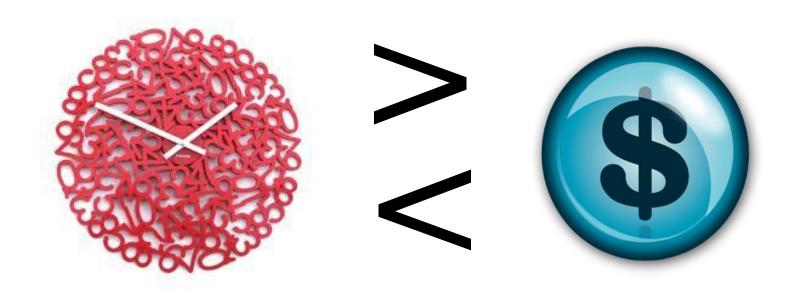
#### We Are (\_\_\_\_) Reporters

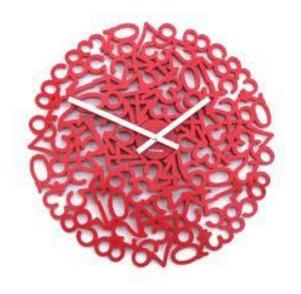
- Student
- Court
- CART
- Caption
- Freelance
- Realtime



- Who has taken the CRR?
- Who intends to?

# Which is More Valuable? Time or Money? Why?





# "Time is Money" – Benjamin Franklin

#### It's All About Realtime

Realtime IS the future of our profession.

Realtime is about being prepared on the FRONT end, thus minimizing work on the BACK end!

## Realtime Reporting

"You ARE your dictionary! Whatever words you have learned in your entire life should be able to come out through your CAT software."

Janet Cassidy Burr, RDR, CRR, CBC, CCP, CPE, 30-year Broadcast Captioner



REALTIME
IS NOT
PERFECTION.

REALTIME IS A JOURNEY!

#### **TRAIN**

Taking
Realtime
Awareness &
Innovation
Nationwide

#### **MAPCR**

According to U.S. News & World Report, Court Reporting is listed as one of the Best 50 Careers for 2011.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that careers in Court Reporting will grow 18 percent between 2008 and 2018—a good deal faster than the average for all occupations.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires 100 percent of new programming in the top 25 markets to be captioned. This has created a high demand for Realtime Court Reporters.

The average length of time it takes to become a Realtime Court Reporter is 33 months.

The Michigan Association of Professional Court Reporters, also known as MAPCR, has more information on their website regarding court reporting in general and court reporting schools in Michigan.

So go to www.MAPCR.org to learn more about this amazing and exciting career.

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#### The Amazing Fields of Realtime Reporting

#### **Freelance Court Reporting**

The freelance court reporter is typically an independent contractor who works somewhere different every day — at a law office, deposition room, medical office, or other office environment. Using a high-tech steno writer and a laptop computer equipped with state-of-the-art software, the freelance court reporter captures every word spoken on the record during a deposition, hearing, or meeting. Those words are then instantaneously transcribed into English and are immediately available for viewing, annotating, and searching on the attorneys' computer screens in the room or across the Internet at a remote location. The unedited transcript can be used by the attorneys immediately as they review the day's testimony and prepare for other witness testimony. A fully edited transcript is available quickly afterwards.

#### **Broadcast Captioning**

Working from their home or an office, broadcast captioners produce readable English text of live television programming. The captioner listens to the audio of a program and uses a realtime-capable steno writer,

software, and a computer linked to the television station via modem or the Internet to produce readable English text of live TV programming within seconds. Captions may be used by consumers who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, but they are also widely displayed in environments like airports, bars, restaurants, and fitness facilities. Due to legislation which requires equal access via captions, broadcast captioning is one of the fastest growing fields of court reporting.





#### We Are Technology!

#### Official Court Reporting

The official court reporter, typically an employee of the court, works in a courtroom setting. Using a high-tech steno machine and a computer, along with realtime technology, the official court reporter captures every spoken word said in the courtroom, which is instantaneously transcribed into English and is immediately available for viewing on the judge's and attorneys' monitors in a computer integrated courtroom. A fully edited transcript is available quickly afterwards. This is the fastest technology available for capturing the spoken word and providing a readable, searchable, and complete record.



#### **CART Writing & Webcasting**

Working at a school, university, church, or other live venue, Communication Access Realtime Translation writers provide live event captioning to individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Using a steno machine and portable computer, along with realtime technology, instant text is streamed for the viewer. This technology allows an individual equal access to information being said in the room that other systems cannot achieve due to the rate of speed achieved by a CART writer. Webcasting reporters use their skills to create live captions for participants in business events which are streamed in realtime via the Internet.

#### **BRIDGES WEBINARS**



EARN CEUs with webinars at <a href="https://www.bridgescourtreporting.com">www.bridgescourtreporting.com</a>

WATCH numerous webinars in one day and only pay ONE fee to NCRA!

CHOOSE from about a dozen webinars that you'll find educational and worthwhile!

#### Caption Masters



Interested in captioning?

Industry's premier online captioning training course

4 months and 2.8 CEUs later, join the hundreds of other reporters that have successfully transitioned into becoming an A+ captioner!

#### What is...

# The single, most valuable thing in your career?

### Your Dictionary

It is the ONLY thing in your career that CANNOT be purchased or replaced

Your ever-changing dictionary can lead to endless future job opportunities

CUT editing time!

#### The never-ending story...

- As long as you're a reporter, you'll always be entering new words
- Well-built and well-managed is more important than how many entries you have
- Continued improvement boosts selfconfidence in your writing
- Prep on front end = less work on the back end

#### Should I Start Over?

- Has your dictionary always been your own?
- Are you changing the way you write?
- Are you transitioning into realtime?
- Do you see surprising things come up in your translation?

#### Maintenance

- If you're changing your writing, your dictionary MUST keep up!
- Have you ever sat down to scan your dictionary entries?
- How long before...
- We can start over and clean up your existing dictionary at the same time.

### Dictionary Backups

How many?

Where to Store?

How Often?

What formats?









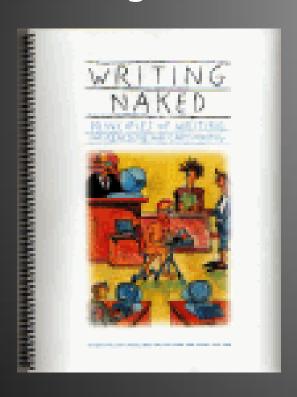
# 63% of NCRA Members are Not Doing Realtime

## What Makes Realtime a Pain?

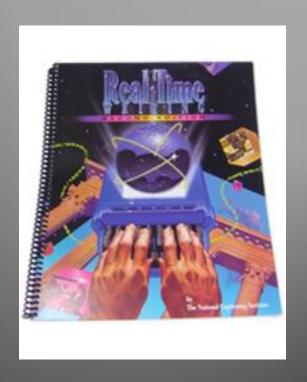
Theory? Dictionary? Stacking? Technology?

#### 2 Favorite Realtime Books

"Writing Naked"



"Realtime Writing"



Both Available at the NCRA Bookstore!

#### Identifying Untranslates

Stacking	Untranslate	Not in Dix	New Word
Can I define this?	Define small pieces FIRST!	Add word	Check spelling
3X, you're out!			



#### Machine Post-its

Realtime is a JOURNEY!

Work on five things every week and vow to have them resolved in a reasonable timeframe☺

#### Realtime Goal

Get your dictionary in tip-top shape before you even head out the door.

- Realtime prep on front end
- Transcripts prep on back end

#### STABG/S-G/A/PAEUPB

What can we define and what can we not define?

A-D = -ed a OR add OR ad

He cooked a great meal

Did the cook add parmesan?

### Samples of Stacking

- ▶ A-D = ~ed a
- $\triangleright$  B-S =  $\sim$ s about
- $\rightarrow$  NIS =  $\sim$ is in
- $Arr PR-G = \sim ing were$
- $Arr R-N = \sim en are$
- ▶ THER = ~er this
- $\rightarrow$  TPAOD = ~ed for a

 $AS = \sim s a$ 

 $L-L = \sim le will$ 

 $N-N = \sim en in$ 

BUS = us about

 $RER = \sim er are$ 

 $TONS = \sim ness to$ 

TOUS = us to

Worksheet contains 100 stacking issues

#### Most Common "A" Words

Α
ABLE
AMERICAN
AMONG
AMOUNT
AN
ANALYSIS
AND
ANOTHER
ANSWER
ANTI
ANY
ANYONE
ANYTHING
OUT
ABOVE
ACCORDING
ACCOUNT
ACROSS
ACT
ACTION
ACTIVITIES
ACTIVITY
ACTUALLY
ADDED
ADDITION
ADDITIONAL
ADMINISTRATION
AFTER
AGAIN
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AGE

**AGO AHEAD** AID AIR ALL **ALMOST ALONE ALONG ALREADY** ALSO **ALTHOUGH ALWAYS** AM **AMERICA AMERICAN AMONG AMOUNT** ΑN **ANALYSIS** AND **ANOTHER ANSWER** ANTI ANY ANYONE **ANYTHING APPARENTLY APPEAR APPEARED APPROACH** ARE

AREA **AREAS ARMS ARMY AROUND ART** AS ASK **ASKED** ASSOCIATION AΤ **ATTACK ATTENTION AUDIENCE AVAILABLE AVERAGE AWAY** 

If we wrote the most common words in one stroke, would we have less stacking potential? (86)

Go to Reference and click on 1,000 Most Common Words A-Z

#### Inputting Entries

Define small pieces first e.g. aristocratic, compendium...

AEU/R\*EUS/KRALT/IBG

COM/PEPBLD/KWRUM

ALWAYS rewrite a word right after you've defined it in realtime.

#### Handling Tricky Names

Entering first & last names together with odd spellings: e.g. Rachael Ray, Barbra Streisand, Andie MacDowell, Stephen Colbert



#### Dictionary Setup

- Main Dictionary, Job Dictionaries, Daily Dictionaries
- Maintenance Learn how to search your dictionary
- Backup your dictionary routinely
- The more you're adding, the more often you need to SAVE it!



# Realtime Dictionary Software for Realtime Reporters

You won't be chained to your computer for hours on end, defining entries!

#### Features of DJ

- Enter over 1,000 entries in one hour
- You provide ONLY the steno outlines
- Stroke each entry numerous ways
- The dictionary you build can be kept separate or can be merged into your own main dictionary

#### **Dictionary Jumpstart**



# 8 Modules

- Environment (1.0 PDC)
- Food & Health (*Drug Speller*) (1.0 PDC)
- Media
- Names (1.0 PDC)
- Phrases (0.5 PDC)
- Sports
- Vocabulary (1.0 PDC)
- World



EARN

# Environment

Acid rain, colors, environment, EPA terms, flocculation, measurement, science, space, wastewater, weather terms, animals, cats & dogs, dinosaurs, fish, flowers, trees, appliances, cleaning products, cookware, dishware, flooring, furniture, paints, windows. files; over 9,000 entries

## Food & Health

Beverages, candy, cereals, eateries, food, liquor, medical, medicine, spices, FDA-approved drugs w/ 38 Medical Specialties including: A.I.D.S., Alzheimer, Analgesics, Anesthetics, Antacids, Antibiotics, Antidotes, Anti-Emetics, Antiinflammatories, Antiseptics, Arthritis, Asthma, Birth Control, Cancer, Cardiology, Cough & Cold, Cosmetic, Dermatology, Diabetes, Diarrhea, Fertility, Glaucoma, Hemorrhage, Herbs, Holistic, Male Drugs, Muscle Relaxers, Neurology, Obesity, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, Parkinson's, Psychotropics, Shock, Tests, Urology, Vaccines, X-Ray Mediums. 47 files; 19,000 entries

#### **Drug Speller** Dictionary Jumpstart □ A to Z □ Prescription □ Over the counter □ Brand and generic names □ New FDA Approvals □ Experimental drugs □ Discontinued Drugs INDEX AIDS - 95 Asthma - 121 Male Drugs - 155 Alzheimer's - 97 Birth Control - 124 Muscle Relaxants - 156 Neurology - 158 Analgesics - 97 Bleeding Disorders - 125 Obesity - 162 Anesthetics - 104 Cancer - 126 Antacids - 106 Cardiology - 134 OB/GYN - 163 Antibiotics - 107 Cold + Cough - 140 Ophthalmics - 169 Anticoagulants - 113 Dermatology - 142 Parkinson's - 174 Diabetes - 150 Pychotropics - 175 Antidotes - 113 Anti-Emetics - 114 Digestion - 152 Shock - 178 Anti-Inflammatories - 115 Fertility - 153 Urology - 178 Glaucoma - 153 Vaccines - 182 Antiseptics - 118 Arthritis - 119 Hemorrhage - 154 X-Ray Mediums - 183 www.drugspeller.com Dictionary Jumpstart, Inc.

# Updated yearly to keep you up-to-date.

This book is in Food & Health!
Build a comprehensive Job Dictionary!

New online app! www.drugspeller.com

# Names



Boys and girls names, brand names, Indian tribes, top 7,000 most common surnames according to the U.S. Census Bureau, airlines, automobiles, cartoon characters, games, gemstones, holidays, music, actors, actresses, artists, models, musicians, writers & fashion. 20 files; over 20,000 entries

### Phrases Module

An extensive list of phrases derived from the "StenEd Realtime Dictionary of Briefs & Phrases." From 'aggravated assault and battery' to 'thank you, Your Honor.'

Also included is a list of the 1,000 most common words. Can you write them all in one stroke? Over 4,500 phrases

# Vocabulary Module

- Over 24,000 words such as pizzazz, bamboozle, jabberwocky, gung ho, licketysplit, gazebo, platoon, masquerade, tee-hee, tallyho, sport-utility vehicle, hang-gliding, hoof-and-mouth disease, mumbo jumbo.
- Prefixes, suffixes, homophones, hyphenated words, legal terms and advanced vocabulary.
   30 files; over 33,000 entries

# World

Countries & capitals, foreign words, Greek, languages, leaders, nations, religion terms, terrorism, explorers, geography, islands, mountains, rivers, seas, U.S. info, World, Obama Administration, governors, house

members, senate members, justices, military terms and politics.

25 files; over 15,000 entries

# Monthly Updates

- New Monthly Vocabulary Updates for only \$9.95 a month
- 300–500 new words in any category
- Continual Improvement is key for realtime
- So far, we've had: vocabulary, celebrity names, food, chefs, environment terms, vocabulary, surnames, mining terms and politics
- As long as you have one module of DJ, you can receive updates covering anything



# We Can Clean Up and/or Start Over

Q. What if I enter a word in DJ that is already in my Dictionary?

# It is FREE!

Log on to <a href="https://www.dictionaryjumpstart.com">www.dictionaryjumpstart.com</a> and download our demo in a snap!

TRY

Vocabulary = 650 entries Easily input in less than one hour!

DJ has been helping thousands of reporters transform into better realtime reporters for 11 years.

# Online How-To Video

www.dictionaryjumpstart.com features an online YouTube video showing how easy it is to use Dictionary Jumpstart, step by step.

SEE

Our instruction booklet is a ½ piece of paper!

Online download is now available!



# It's easy to import DJ into...









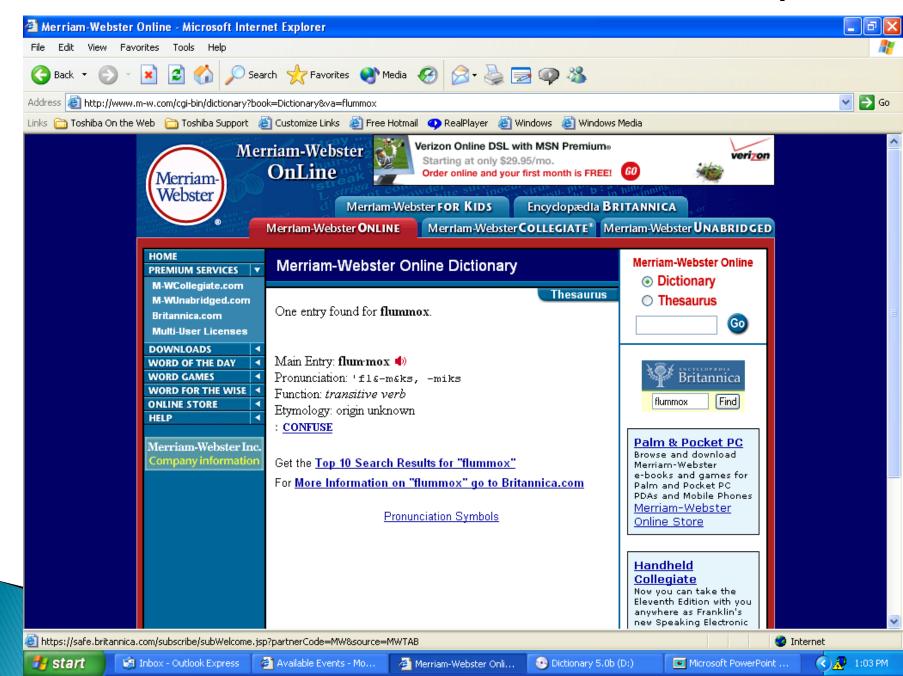






Stay current with your CAT technical support and keep your equipment updated!

#### Pronunciations & Word of the Day



# MARK

"Dictionary Jumpstart is the fastest way I've seen to build your realtime dictionary. I recommend it."

Mark Kislingbury, Four Time NCRA National Realtime Champion



# **ANITA**



"I recently built a new dictionary from scratch using Dictionary Jumpstart. The process was easy, and it took me a week and two days, in between a very busy life. It is a very well thought-out program, and I love how you simply write a word that you see and the correct English translation is already defined in the dictionary so you don't have to type in the many thousands of words. You are a true genius. Thank you for creating such a brilliant program."

Anita Paul Johnston, CSR-CCR-CRR-CRI-CPE-CBC-CCP-CSP President of Anita Paul International

#### Motivated to be well-rounded

Kilimanjaro, crème brulee, Pekingese, dungarees, tule fog, roentgen, Froot Loops, Aquafina, sci-fi, croquet, lickety-split, Cruella De Vil, Ichabod Crane, cornucopia, marquise, Escalade, Westminster Abbey, Taj Mahal, Canon Law, cockatiel, bisque, toboggan, Sri Lanka, papier-mache, Hogwarts, chandelier, Ketchikan, Hewlett-Packard, Excedrin, Caspian, Guggenheim Museum, spearmint, Mister Rogers, bazooka, Potawatomi Indians, virga, Pinocchio, best-seller, camouflage, eTailer, peignoir, Aveeno, tango, Zamboni, mascara, monolithic, Aurora Borealis, billet-doux, bivouac, certiorari, Teflon and over 130,000 more!

# Where to Start?



- Vocabulary (1.0 PDC)
- Names (1.0 PDC)
- Environment (1.0 PDC)
- Phrases (0.5 PDC)
- Food/Health (1.0 PDC)
- World
- Media (captioning)
- Sports (captioning)
- Monthly Updates are here!

#### Enter 250 words in NO TIME!

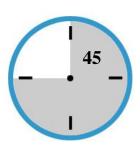
#### Do you have 15 minutes a day?

**Defining Steno Entries** 

Done in 45 minutes

5.5 words per minute

Research on your own

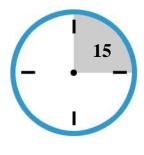


Dictionary Jumpstart

Done in 15 minutes

17 words per minute

8 Modules
of diverse
vocabulary



# Our Goals

- Fewer untrans = less editing time
- ▶ Fewer untrans = more confidence

- Strive to consistently improve your dictionary
- Keep your CAT current and your skills sharp!

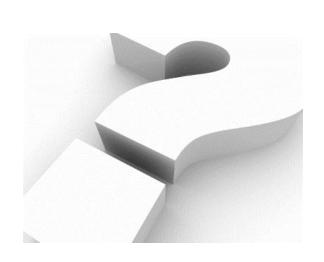
# More Goals

- Strive for certifications
- Spread the word about our profession
- Visit a high school

# facebook.

- Find us on facebook under Dictionary Jumpstart and Drug Speller.
- Join our mailing list on www.dictionaryjumpstart.com to be the first to know about special sales!

## Any Questions...



# Refer to the flier for Special, Limited-Time Conference Specials!

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