

Steno to Voice: A Primer



**Adapting your steno writing
style to voice dictation**

CAVEATS TO THIS PROGRAM



- ⌘ This program was developed in 2012
- ⌘ I have received the RCP since then (CART certification)
- ⌘ I have changed my dictation style (much like we modify our steno dictionaries) as I have evolved with my skill

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What Do You Need



- ⌘ Analog-to-Digital Translator
- ⌘ Microphone (open or closed)
- ⌘ Speech Recognition Engine
- ⌘ CAT software (or other text entry system)

My Original Outline



⌘ <http://tori-pittman.com/steno-to-voice/>

Analog-to-Digital Translator



⌘ Andrea

⌘ VOX

Input Devices



- ⌘ There are various mask types out there
- ⌘ Best way to try them out is at NVRA convention
- ⌘ Key is a good seal around mouth

Speech Recognition Engine



- ⌘ Dragon is the engine that is dominant
- ⌘ ViaVoice 10 was last stable IBM (Nuance purchased)
- ⌘ Never tried Google or Windows

Training



- ⌘ Work with a current voice writer
- ⌘ Perhaps choose Bettye Keyes' method
- ⌘ Develop your own
- ⌘ Enroll in a school (see www.nvra.org)

- ⌘ or any combination thereof

CAT software



- ⌘ Several of the major steno software systems have a voice component; check with your vendor
- ⌘ Voice-specific systems

Dictation



⌘ "the silent voice"

⌘ voice modulation v whisper

⌘ sibilance

⌘ seal/reseal

⌘ breathing

Differences



- ⌘ Less stress on body
- ⌘ More stress on voice/vocal cords
- ⌘ Breathing and keeping mouth moist
- ⌘ Voice modulation v key clicking

Short Forms



- ⌘ Use some steno (snoo = speaker 1)
- ⌘ nonsense words
- ⌘ alphabet strings
- ⌘ first syllable strings

On-the-Fly



- ⌘ Equates to a quick job dictionary
- ⌘ develop a voice token system
- ⌘ add “on the fly” while in realtime

Editing



- ⌘ Just like in your CAT system
- ⌘ BUT... to get a good edit of your SPEECH file, you'll need to listen to the full sample that the SRE gives you; if it is a CLEAN sample, you can make the edit. If not, pass it by!! THIS IS CRITICAL

Certification



- ⌘ CVR - entry level, same speeds as RPR
- ⌘ RVR - realtime certification, CRR speed

Questions, Comments

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