Your Professional Career

In Realtime Reporting

About Anissa Nierenberger, RPR, CRR, CBC

- Sports - NBA, MLB, NHL, NFL & college
- Local U.S. News Markets Nationwide
- Canadian Newscasts and the 1996 Olympics
- 20 U.S. Cities with General Motors
- Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Arizona
- City Council Meetings
- Both I.C. and employee
- My Schedule now is…
A Captioner’s Comfy Closet

**Realtime Facts**

- The BEST time to take the CSR and RPR tests is RIGHT out of school! Why?
- Only about 37% of NCRA members are doing realtime.* 63% are NOT!
- Realtime IS the future of reporting!
- Prep on front end = less work on back end!

*NCRA 2011
We Are Preparing for a Future in…

• Court
• Freelance
• CART
• Caption

More Possible Opportunities…

• Media-Room Reporter
• Webcasting
• Congressional
• Government
• Publishing Reporter
• Corporate Reporter - Financial Reporting Calls
• Sports on-site
QUESTION…

What is the MOST valuable item you’ll possess as a realtime reporter?

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
Dictionary Backups

- How many?
- Where to Store?
- How Often?
- What Formats?

Job Dictionaries

TV Stations
Same brief for different dictionaries: web site addresses, phone numbers, anchors

Sports
Briefs for each sport in its own job dict.

Networks
CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX
Use this in conjunction with TV station

Meds
All FDA meds and briefs for those most common

Religion
For live church services done via CART or for TV

Annuals
Caption the same show every year? Keep the Job!

Punct.
For each company you may work for requiring different styles

Temporary
In the news now, temp holding tank until deciding to keep or delete

City
Specific financial briefs, companies, call technology

Financial
City-specific briefs for different stations located in the same city

Medical
Former profession as a reporter, may want to keep this separate

Teams
Each in its own job with briefs for players, coaches, arenas, etc.
Resources to Build Your Dictionary

- Dictionaries
- Internet - reliability
- Newspapers & magazines
- Resource books:
  - Proper Noun Speller
  - One Word, Two Words, Hyphenated
  - World Almanac
  - Rand McNally Road Atlas

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 self-confidence in your writing
**Theory Dictionaries**

- Good start!
- Successful Realtime Reporters know their dictionaries like the back of their own hands
- Truly make it your own!

**STABG/S-G/A/PAEUPB**

- What can we define and what can we not define?
  
  He cooked a great meal

  Did the cook add parmesan?

  A-D = -ed a OR add OR ad
Samples of Stacking

- A-D = ~ed a
- B-S = ~s about
- NIS = ~is in
- PR-G = ~ing were
- R-N = ~en are
- THER = ~er this
- TPAOD = ~ed for a

AS = ~s a
L-L = ~le will
N-N = ~en in
BUS = us about
RER = ~er are
TONS = ~ness to
TOUS = us to

- Worksheet contains 100 stacking issues

Most Common “A” Words

- A
- ABLE
- AMERICAN
- AMONG
- AMOUNT
- AN
- ANALYSIS
- AREA
- APPROACH
- AGAIN
- AGAINST
- AGED
- AMENDABLE
- AMICAL
- AMONG
- AMOUNT
- AN
- AND
- ABOUT
- ACROSS
- ACT
- ACTION
- ACTIVITIES
- ACTIVITY
- ACTUAL
- ADD
- ADDITIONAL
- ADMINISTRATION
- AGAIN
- AGAINST
- AGE
- AGED
- AMENDABLE
- AMICAL
- AMONG
- AMOUNT
- AR
- ARE
- AREA
- AREAS
- ARMS
- AMONG
- ART
- AS
- ASK
- ASKED
- ASHED
- AT
- ATTACK
- ATTENTION
- AUDIENCE
- AVAILABLE
- AVERAGE
- AWAY

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

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Go to Reference & Documents 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.

Realtime

“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, CBC - 30-year captioner
How Long Will it Last?

The dictionary you build will last your entire career. Nothing else you encounter in this profession will last that long!

Make sure you’re building it right, carefully and dutifully! After all, it will need to last you 20 to 30 years!

Your Foundation is Most Important!

Names Can be Tricky!

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

- Are they “Slop Shots” (stacking, shadows)
- Is it new vocabulary you’ve never written before?
- Did they say something differently and therefore you wrote it differently?

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
Reporting is a Profession

- Take certification tests to establish your reputation
- Become an active member in your state association
- Keep your CAT system up to date with current support contracts

Dictionary building software for Students, Reporters, Captioners & CART 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 separately or can be merged into your own main dictionary
8 Modules

- 130,000 Entries in DJ
- 1,000 Entries you can enter in 1 hour
- 130 Hours to complete 8 modules
- 4 Months to create a well-rounded, realtime dictionary in only ONE hour per day!
- 4 months versus 4 years
Environment – 1.0 PDCs

- 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. 25 files; over 9,000 entries

Food & Health - 1.0 PDCs

- Beverages, candy, cereals, eateries, food, liquor, medical, medicine, spices, FDA-approved drugs w/ 38 Medical Specialties including: A.I.D.S., Alzheimer’s, Analgesics, Anesthetics, Antacids, Antibiotics, Antidotes, Anti-Emetics, Anti-inflammatories, Antiseptics, Arthritis, Asthma, Birth Control, Cancer, Cardiology, Cough & Cold, Cosmetic, Dermatology, Diabetes, Digestion, 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; 10,000 entries
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Media

- Correspondents from news networks, magazines, networks, newspapers, TV shows, brokers, company names, computer terms, financial terms, money, historical events. 11 files; over 13,500 entries

seventeen
Names – 1.0 PDCs

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 – 0.5 PDCs

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
Sports

Terms, teams, famous players, Hall of Fame members for baseball, bowling, boxing, basketball, football, golf, hockey, ice skating, tennis. Plus a listing of other sports. 10 files; over 6,500 entries

Vocabulary – 1.0 PDCs

• Over 24,000 words such as pizzazz, bamboozle, jabberwocky, gung ho, lickety-split, gazebo, platoon, masquerade, tee-hee, tallyho, sport-utility vehicle, hang-gliding, hootchy-kootchy, hoof-and-mouth disease, mumbo jumbo, and movin’.
• 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
Online How-To Video

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

Our instruction booklet is a ½ piece of paper!

Online download is now available!

www.m-w.com
It’s a snap! Import DJ into…

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

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-CRI-CPE-CBC-CPP-CSP
President of Anita Paul International

More than 3X Faster Than Defining

Inputting 250 words to your dictionary

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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)
- Sign Up for Monthly Updates!

Motivated to be well-rounded

Captioning Bloopers

- Gentlemen
- Bums
- Garanimals
- TRESemme
- Tracy Murray

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