



Big Words Made Easy (0.15 CEUs)
Sunday, June 27, 2021
7:00-8:30 p.m. Eastern Time (on Zoom)

Workshop Overview: This is part 2 of the successful Dictionary-Building for Excellent Stenographic Realtime workshop held on April 11. This new workshop will be another intensive bootcamp-style workshop, with a brand new approach. Participants will work hard and come out with a stronger CAT dictionary, and more importantly, a strategic approach to further dictionary-building, and less fear of writing unfamiliar words. Based on feedback received from the first workshop, this one will be 1.5 hours long.

Workshop Objectives: The objectives of this course are to (1) break down complex vocabulary words into their elemental parts and reconstruct them stenographically; (2) improve translation accuracy; (3) develop a strategy for further dictionary-building; and (4) set ourselves apart from speech-to-text voice recognition technology by continuing to improve our writing skills.

As an example, on a speed or certification test, a student, working reporter or captioner could drop the word “epistemologically” and for one error. However, in the real world such a prominent word must be captured. We will embark on a journey through a thicket of daunting words, only to discover that they weren’t so daunting after all.

Workshop Materials: A PDF resource of wordlists will be provided ahead of time.

Registration: nyscra.org/nyscra-upcoming-events

Fee: \$15 NYSCRA members and students; \$25 nonmembers



Instructor Bio: Joshua Edwards is the current president of the New York State Court Reporters Association. He is co-owner of StenoCaptions LLC and is a full-time CART captioner. He works in accessibility providing high-quality stenographic captioning for colleges, public and private events, board meetings, plays, and lectures, both in-person as well as online. Prior to captioning, Joshua was an official court reporter in New York federal court and spent five years reporting depositions in New York City. He holds the New York Association Certified Reporter, New York Realtime Certified Reporter, Registered Diplomate Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter, Registered Merit Reporter, and Registered Professional Reporter designations.