

# What is a CART Interpreter?

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CART stands for Communication Access Realtime Translation and is also referred to as realtime captioning.

A CART interpreter is a realtime translation reporter who acts solely as an interpreter for an individual who is hard of hearing or deaf. The CART interpreter is not the official reporter and does not read back or produce a transcript. CART interpreters will have an oath on file and do not need to be sworn to act as interpreters for each proceeding; however, the judicial officer should note for the record that a CART interpreter who has an oath on file is being used in the proceedings.

Consumers of CART services may include a defendant, witness, juror, attorney, a party to a civil or family law matter, or a family member. Settings may include the jury assembly room, courtroom, jury deliberation room, mediator's office, or conference room. CART benefits individuals who have lost their hearing, either completely or partially, and are not proficient in sign language.

A wireless connection allows the CART interpreter to set up in the most convenient place, taking into consideration the best location to be able to hear the proceedings as well as safety issues. There will be a slight delay that occurs from the time the spoken word is written by the CART interpreter and when the text appears on the consumer's screen.

This service is provided within the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act and Evidence Code Section 754. To schedule a CART interpreter, contact the Court Services Coordinator at (Phone Number).