



Translation & Interpretation

A Global Career



Basic Definitions:

- Translation is transferring written text from a source language into the target language while maintaining the author's intent.
- Interpretation is the transfer of <u>oral</u> <u>speech</u> from a source language into a target language while maintaining the speaker's intent.

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What gets translated?

- Personal documents
- Literary works
- Software localization
- Film sub-titles
- Advertisements
- Legal documents
- Contracts
- Medical records...

ANYTHING IN TYPE!



More on Interpreting:

- Types of Interpreting:
 - Consecutive
 - Simultaneous / Conference
 - Sight Translation
 - Voice-Over
 - Escort



Where do Translators Work?

- Translators:
 - "Free-lance" / Independent Contractor
 - "In-house"
 - Medical
 - Legal
 - Government
 - Business
 - Literary
 - Hi-Tech



Where do Interpreters Work?

- Interpreters:
 - Free-lance / Contractors
 - "In-House"
 - Hospitals & General Community
 - Financial Institutions
 - Government / U.N. / Consulates
 - Business
 - Courts & Legal Entities
 - Escort



How can I qualify to be a translator?

- Skills:
 - Foreign Language (s)
 - Education
 - Experience
 - Excellent writer
 - Attention to detail
 - Accessible
 - Computer literate
 - Able to focus and follow through
 - Reliable & professional
 - Flexible



How do I qualify to be an interpreter?

- Skills:
 - Foreign Language (s)
 - "People Person"
 - Ethical
 - Reliable & professional
 - Pleasant voice
 - Education
 - Patient & good endurance
 - Flexible
 - Experience
 - Accessible



T&I Organizations: * Local

- NOTIS: Northwest Translators & Interpreters Society www.notisnet.org
- SOMI: Society of Medical Interpreters www.sominet.org
- WITS: Washington State Court Interpreters & Translators Society www.witsnet.org
- National
 - ATA: American Translators Association www.atanet.org
- International
- AIIC: International Association of Conference Interpreters www.aiic.net