

FUN FACTS ABOUT

TRANSCRIPTION

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Transcription goes way back in ancient Egypt. During the height of the Pharaohs, transcriptionists were important figures of the courts and were known as scribes. The scribes were exempted from physical labor and taxation.

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The word “**Transcription**” was first used in the modern world in 1598 by Joh Florio as an entry in his Italian/English dictionary.

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A transcriptionist is a person that captures spoken word in audio or video files in form of text. A machine that does the same thing is known as a transcriber!



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In 1910, 81% of the typing workforce comprised of women. The main reason for this was that the typewriters were designed and marketed like sewing machines.

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In 1998, typing 40 words per minutes was considered fast. Today, typing 40 words per minute is considered average.

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The average person speaks 150 to 170 words per minute, which is about four times the average number of words that we can type. This is why it takes at least 5 hours to transcribe a 1-hour file.