



# FREEZE OR THAW?

## Interpreting Frozen Texts

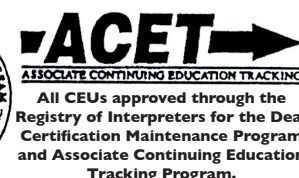
The Lord's Prayer, the National Anthem, the Twelve Steps, and the Miranda Warning are all examples of frozen texts in English. Should an interpreter handle them all in the same manner? Does it make a difference whether the text is sung, recited by a group, or spoken by a single person?

When handling frozen texts, interpreters often struggle with whether to interpret for form or function. This course is designed to help interpreters feel more confident dealing with frozen text passages.

Different functions of frozen English texts will be categorized and analyzed for the purposes they serve in the majority culture. Strategies for successfully interpreting each type of text will be discussed along with translation practice.

### Topics we will cover

- Analyze frozen texts in the context of register
- Identify categories of frozen texts based on the purposes served
- Discuss strategies for successfully interpreting texts
- Practice translating frozen texts



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Educating interpreters since 1992, David's sessions are interactive, entertaining, and informative, creating a relaxed, safe environment for all audiences. David established Bridge Communications in 1996 to further his goals of providing skill-building workshops and video materials for ASL-English interpreters.

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