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iCommunicator™, Leading Speech-to-Text-To-Sign Language Software System, Announces Version 5.0

Expanded word library, internet search capabilities, provide greater options for those who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or looking to increase literacy skills

New York, June 5 -- iCommunicator™, the most advanced communication software for persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or who experience unique communication challenges, has upgraded its translation and learning capabilities.

iCommunicator V.5.0 now provides users with an expanded 30,000 word signing library. Through its database of sign language videos, and using its built-in thesaurus, iCommunicator V.5.0 can sign 30,000 words and communicate them to the user through the program’s database of more than 9,000 individual video clips. Word-signing videos in the database use a sophisticated technique to provide consistent, high-quality video with nearly seamless continuity, allowing the viewer to easily comprehend what was spoken and the associated signs.

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In addition, V.5.0 now make it possible for users to search the internet for a highlighted word or phrase using Google - with one simple mouse click, facilitating the ability to instantly learn more about the word or subject being referenced.

Access to definitions, synonyms and antonyms has also been enhanced with an expanded, up-to-date dictionary featuring:

- Definitions, synonyms and antonyms including many compound and proper nouns
- Word relations for antonyms, parts or types, less specific words, etc.
- Over 124,000 synonym sets and 156,000 root words
- Search capabilities for more than 240,000 words, compounds and derived forms
- 70,000+ pronunciations, with a pop-up hint pronunciation key
- 49,000 usage examples
- Suggestions for many misspellings

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“iCommunicator was developed to help enhance the literacy levels of persons who are deaf and hard of hearing and to serve as a communication aid in those environments where sign-language interpreters are not available,” says Steve Bruner, vice president of marketing and sales for iCommunicator Software. “The enhancements available in V.5.0 represent an advancement of this mission. With the expanded features and resources available in this latest version, the opportunities for greater learning and understanding and for enhanced dialogue and communications have been significantly improved. We are most excited about the opportunity to further enhance the quality of life for our customers and to advance iCommunicator’s commitment to the hearing impaired community.”

To support the launch of V.5.0, iCommunicator has enhanced its customer support website (www.icommunicator.com). Redesign of the website has improved ease of use, with information re-organized to facilitate access and education.

iCommunicator, also supports the newly introduced Dragon Naturally Speaking 9 Professional speech recognition technology, enabling speech files to be created in 50 minutes with 94% voice recognition accuracy. 

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iCommunicator allows effective two-way communication to occur in most natural environments, translating in real-time speech to text; speech/text to video sign-language; or speech/text to computer generated voice.

iCommunicator delivers American Sign Language (ASL) signs in English word order (subject+verb+object) to improve the association between spoken, written, and signed words and to promote better literacy levels than traditional ASL. iCommunicator's computer generated voice can be set to speak incoming words in real-time or recite imported text to help users improve their speech recognition and intelligibility. The software package includes the necessary cables to make connecting a peripheral hearing device (e.g., hearing aids, FM systems, cochlear implant speech processors) directly to the computer simple. With iCommunicator’s iText tool, translation to sign language can be made from the text of web pages, email, word processing documents and other software applications with one mouse click.
iCommunicator's patented technology provides end-users with unparalleled opportunities in classroom, business and everyday environments to achieve efficient and effective communication, receive equal access to acoustic information, strengthen spoken language comprehension, increase reading and language skills, expand opportunities for advancement and success in education and employment, and enhance independence and self-confidence.

iCommunicator is currently used in K-12 education, post-secondary institutions, government and public-access sites throughout the U.S. and Canada.

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