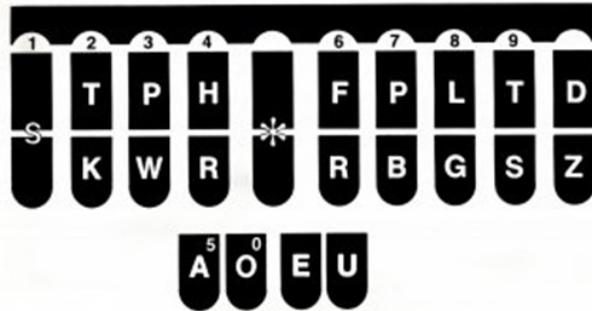


# (L) The Short Hand of the Law (1/3)

Shorthand machines, commonly known as stenotype machines, are used in many courts of law to record court proceedings. They are a special kind of typewriter with an unusual keyboard, in which many keys can be punched simultaneously ("chorded"), and the results are output onto a thin strip of paper. Court stenographers using stenotype machines can transcribe court proceedings very quickly; the world record is 375 words per minute!



Below, we have taken an example of court stenography, 25 lines long, and divided it into five pieces.

(A)

				O		P	B								
S	T	K	P	W	H	R		F	R	P	B	L	G	T	S
				H		O		U							
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(B)

(C)

T H  
T A O E U P L  
T K F R P B L G T S  
K W R E  
U R



# (L) The Short Hand of the Law (2/3)

(D)

T	O						
K	O	U	P	B	T	S	
W	O		P	B			
	A		P	B			D
T	W	O					

(E)

	E	P	B				
T		E	R				
	A						
P	H	R	A	O	E		
	A					T	

The original dialogue went like this:

THE COURT: Are you ready to enter a plea at this time?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your honor.

THE COURT: How do you plead to counts one and two?

L1. Put the pieces in their original order.

First      Last

L2. Below are the next nine lines of transcription. What do they say?

T	K				F	R	P	B	L	G	T	S
S		H	R	A	O	U					T	
		H	R	A	O	E						
		W		O			P	B				
		H				U		P	B			
		P				E		R				S
T	P	H		O							T	
T	K	P	W						L		T	
T				A	O	E						



## (L) The Short Hand of the Law (3/3)

L2. Below are the next nine lines of transcription. What do they say?

T	K			F	R	P	B	L	G	T	S
S		H	R	A	O		U			T	
		H	R	A	O		E				
		W			O			P	B		
			H			U		P	B		
		P				E		R		S	
T		P	H		O					T	
T	K	P	W					L		T	
T				A	O		E				

L3. Explain your answer.

