

Google Translate

Pre-Listening Discussion

1. How many languages are there in the world?
2. What are the top ten most spoken **first languages** in the world?
3. What are the top ten most spoken languages including the number of people speaking them as a foreign language?
4. What foreign language did you learn as a university student?
Did you enjoy learning it?
5. How do you think the spread of the Internet has affected the total number of languages in the world?
6. How has the Internet affected the languages of English and Japanese?
7. Do you use any translation software regularly?
8. How reliable(or unreliable) do you find it in your professional field?

First Listening (Summary)

Google has added languages to its service, bringing the total number to For many of us, Google Translate is an tool. It provides a, and quick way of vocabulary and texts in other languages. Google its first translation service in and has added to its

Comprehension Questions

Put the words below in the correct order to make the questions.

1. speak / recently added to/ the languages/ people/ Google Translate
how many?
2. were mentioned/ languages/ how many/ of the Americas/ indigenous ?
3. Google Translate/ languages/ translate/ how many / not / does?
4. need/ a language/ Google / what / to support/ does?
5. has/ the addition/ what / of the new languages/ facilitated?
6. do/ what / not have / “low resource” / many of/ languages?
7. across/ is spoken/ what language/ Central Africa/ by 45 million people?
8. by technology/ say/ often overlooked/ Google/ does/ are / what?

Check what languages are available on Google Translate.
Do you know in what part of the world each language is spoken?

Word Booster

PartA: Match each word on the left with the meaning on the right.

<p>Paragraph1</p> <p>1 indispensable</p> <p>2 comprehend</p> <p>3 indiginous</p> <p>4 roll out</p> <p>5 repository</p> <p>6 comprehensive</p> <p>7 accurate</p>	<p>A originating or occurring naturally in a particular place / native.</p> <p>B a place or container in which large quantities of something are stored</p> <p>C grasp mentally/ understand</p> <p>D including all the necessary facts, details, or problems that need to be dealt with</p> <p>E start to introduce something new</p> <p>F correct and true in every detail</p> <p>G absolutely necessary</p>
<p>Paragraph2</p> <p>1 linguistic</p> <p>2 advance</p> <p>3 facilitate</p> <p>4 aspire</p> <p>5 render</p> <p>6 overlook</p> <p>7 analyse</p>	<p>A make an action easy or easier</p> <p>B provide or give a service, help, etc.</p> <p>C a development or improvement</p> <p>D examine or think about something carefully in order to understand it</p> <p>E direct one's hopes or ambitions towards achieving something</p> <p>F fail to notice</p> <p>G related to language and words</p>

PartB: Now complete the following sentences with a word from PartA.

- 1 Your essay is always full of grammar mistakes which you
- 2 This is a guide to British hotels and restaurants which you will surely find useful.
- 3 *Grammarly* is atool to help you write better English naturally and flawlessly.
- 4 Computers can be used to language learning immensely if used properly.
- 5 It is irresponsible to rely on nuclear energy without ensuring a for a huge amount of nuclear waste.
- 6 Antarctica in the South Pole has nohuman population.
- 7 Hiroshi's voracious appetite for books has certainly helped hisdevelopment.
- 8 The government should.....assistance to the earthquake victims promptly.
- 9 Many people find it hard to what prompted Putin to invade Ukraine.
- 10 Many Japanese businessmento raise their TOEIC scores, forced by their companies.
- 11 Recents in genetics have raised moral questions.
- 12 The company is expected tothe new software in September.
- 13 Your grammar is pretty, so what you need to demonstrate is that you have a
a wide range of sophisticated vocabulary at your disposal.
- 14 You shouldall the data objectively to decide your next course of action

Extention

Unfortunately, many languages are in danger of extinction. Watch a short video titled "[Why do languages die?](#)" and answer the following questions.

1. How many languages are there in the world? More than _____
2. What percent of them are in danger of extinction?
3. What languages did Latin evolve into?
_____ and other _____ languages.
4. When does true language death occur?
_____ switch to other languages and parents stop _____ their children to _____ their old ones.
5. In the bad, old days, what did some governments do to languages they did not like?
6. What language do citizens of certain parts of China have to focus on?

7. What is the world's only fully revived language?
8. When did it become an official language of Israel?
9. When did Cornish die out?

Gap Fill

Put these words into the spaces in the paragraph below.

tool

indigenous

provide

service

repository

total

texts

first

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Put these words into the spaces in the paragraph below.

low

advances

across

out

render

range

simply

aspires

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