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Google Translate adds 24 new languages

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THE ARTICLE

Google Translate has added 24 languages to its translation service, bringing the total number to 133. For many of us, Translate is an indispensable tool. It provides a convenient, accurate and quick way of comprehending vocabulary and texts in other languages. The 24 new languages are spoken by more than 300 million people worldwide. Among them are the indigenous Aymara, Guarani and Quechua languages of the Americas. Google rolled out its first translation service in 2006 and has continually added to its repository. Google said it still has a way to go to be more comprehensive. There are around 7,000 languages worldwide that Translate doesn't provide support for.

Translate needs to analyze a large range of linguistic data to be able to support a language. Isaac Caswell, a Google Translate scientist, told journalists about how advances in technology have facilitated adding the new languages. He said: "Up until a couple of years ago, it simply was not technologically possible to add languages like these, which are what we call a low resource - meaning that there are not very many text resources out there for them." He explained that Google aspires to support languages used by large populations. One of these is Lingala, spoken by 45 million people across Central Africa. It also wants to render assistance for indigenous languages that are often overlooked by technology.

WARM-UPS

1. GOOGLE TRANSLATE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Google Translate. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

> Google / translate / number / tool / vocabulary / texts / languages / indigenous / first linguistic / data / scientist / technology / resource / population Central Africa

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ONE LANGUAGE: Students A **strongly** believe there should be one world language; Students B **strongly** believe this is a bad idea. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GOOGLE: What do you think of these services from Google? How could they be improved? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Think	**Improvements**
Translate		
Search		
Mail		
Play		
YouTube		
Chat		

5. INDIGENOUS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "indigenous". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. LANGUAGES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- English
- Arabic
- Cantonese
- Swahili

- French
- Spanish
- Portuguese
- Hindi

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	indispensable	a.	Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.
2.	convenient	b.	Providing a faithful representation of something.
3.	accurate	c.	Involving little trouble or effort.
4.	comprehending	d.	Started to introduce something new.
5.	indigenous	e.	Absolutely necessary.
6.	repository	f.	Grasping mentally; understanding.
7.	rolled out	g.	A place where or receptacle in which things are or may be stored.

Paragraph 2

8.	range	h.	Made an action or process easy or easier.
9.	linguistic	i.	Provide or give a service, help, etc.
10.	advance	j.	Direct one's hopes or ambitions towards achieving something.
11.	facilitated	k.	Relating to language.
12.	aspire	l.	Failed to notice.
13.	render	m.	The area covered by or included in something.
14.	overlooked	n.	A development or improvement.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From   https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2205/220516-google-translate.html

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1.   There are now 157 languages on Google Translate.   **T / F**
2.   Fewer than 300 million people speak the new languages.   **T / F**
3.   The article mentions three indigenous languages from the Americas.   **T / F**
4.   There are about 7,000 languages that are not on Translate.   **T / F**
5.   Translate needs a lot of data about language to support a language.   **T / F**
6.   Translate said technology has meant it can translate more languages.   **T / F**
7.   There aren't enough resources out there to support some languages.   **T / F**
8.   Google said it has no plans to support more indigenous languages.   **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1.	**indispensable**	a.	examine
2.	**indigenous**	b.	made it possible
3.	**rolled out**	c.	assistance
4.	**comprehensive**	d.	native
5.	**support**	e.	missed
6.	**analyze**	f.	launched
7.	**facilitated**	g.	give
8.	**aspires**	h.	complete
9.	**render**	i.	aims
10.	**overlooked**	j.	essential

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1.	Translate is	a.	of linguistic data
2.	a convenient, accurate	b.	translation service
3.	Among them	c.	by technology
4.	Google rolled out its first	d.	and quick way
5.	Google said it still has	e.	a couple of years ago
6.	analyze a large range	f.	a way to go
7.	advances	g.	an indispensable tool
8.	Up until	h.	by large populations
9.	support languages used	i.	in technology
10.	languages that are often overlooked	j.	are the indigenous Aymara

GAP FILL

Google Translate has added 24 languages to its translation (1) _____, bringing the (2) _____ number to 133. For many of us, Translate is an indispensable (3) _____. It provides a convenient, accurate and quick way of comprehending vocabulary and (4) _____ in other languages. The 24 new languages are spoken by more than 300 million people worldwide. Among them are the (5) _____ Aymara, Guarani and Quechua languages of the Americas. Google rolled out its (6) _____ translation service in 2006 and has continually added to its (7) _____. Google said it still has a way to go to be more comprehensive. There are around 7,000 languages worldwide that Translate doesn't (8) _____ support for.

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tool

indigenous

provide

service

repository

total

texts

first

low

advances

across

out

render

range

simply

aspires

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1) Google Translate has added 24 languages to _____
   a. its translated service
   b. its translation serviced
   c. its translation service
   d. this translation service

2) For many of us, Translate is _____
   a. an indispensable stool
   b. an indispensable tool
   c. an indispensable tools
   d. an indispensable stools

3) a convenient, accurate and quick way of comprehending _____
   a. vocabularies and text
   b. vocabulary end texts
   c. vocabulary and texts
   d. vocabulary end text

4) 300 million people worldwide. Among them are _____
   a. the androgynous Aymara
   b. the indigo nous Aymara
   c. the ingenious Aymara
   d. the indigenous Aymara

5) Google said it still has a _____
   a. ways to go
   b. way to come
   c. wait too go
   d. way to go

6) analyze a large range of linguistic data to be able to _____
   a. supplant a language
   b. sport a language
   c. suppose a language
   d. support a language

7) possible to add languages like these, which are what we call _____
   a. allow resource
   b. a low resource
   c. a law resource
   d. arrow resource

8) He explained that Google aspires to support languages used _____
   a. by large populations
   b. by large proportions
   c. by large populated
   d. by large population

9) One of these is Lingala, spoken by 45 million people _____
   a. across Centrally Africa
   b. across centre Africa
   c. across Central Africa
   d. across Centrality Africa

10) render assistance for indigenous languages that _____
   a. are often under looked
   b. are often overlooked
   c. are often overbooked
   d. are often overly looked

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. How many languages are now on Google Translate?

2. How many people speak the languages recently added to Translate?

3. How many indigenous languages of the Americas were mentioned?

4. When did Google Translate start?

5. How many languages does Google Translate not translate?

6. What does Google need to support a language?

7. What has facilitated the addition of the new languages?

8. What do "low resource" languages not have many of?

9. What language is spoken by 45 million people across Central Africa?

10. What does Google say are often overlooked by technology?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) How many languages are now on Google Translate?
a) 134
b) 133
c) 132
d) 131

2) How many people speak the languages recently added to Translate?
a) over 380 million
b) over 360 million
c) over 330 million
d) over 300 million

3) How many indigenous languages of the Americas were mentioned?
a) 2
b) 5
c) 3
d) 4

4) When did Google Translate start?
a) 2006
b) 2008
c) 2007
d) 2004

5) How many languages does Google Translate not translate?
a) exactly 7,000
b) around 7,000
c) fewer than 7,000
d) over 7,000

6) What does Google need to support a language?
a) linguistic data
b) permission
c) words
d) extra storage

7) What has facilitated the addition of the new languages?
a) business
b) neurological research
c) advances in technology
d) demand

8) What do "low resource" languages not have many of?
a) text resources
b) audio files
c) words
d) idioms

9) What language is spoken by 45 million people across Central Africa?
a) French
b) English
c) Arabic
d) Lingala

10) What does Google say are often overlooked by technology?
a) native speakers
b) computers
c) indigenous languages
d) extinct languages

ROLE PLAY

Role A – English

You think English is the best language. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their languages aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Arabic, Cantonese or Hindi.

Role B – Arabic

You think Arabic is the best language. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their languages aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): English, Cantonese or Hindi.

Role C – Cantonese

You think Cantonese is the best language. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their languages aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Arabic, English or Hindi.

Role D – Hindi

You think Hindi is the best language. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their languages aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Arabic, Cantonese or English.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms … for the words 'Google' and 'translate'.

Google	translate

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning…?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• total	• range
• quick	• advances
• 300	• couple
• rolled	• aspires
• 2006	• 45
• 7,000	• overlooked

GOOGLE TRANSLATE SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about Google Translate in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

GOOGLE TRANSLATE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?

2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Google'?

3. What do you think of Google Translate?

4. How often do you need to translate things?

5. Do you ever translate things into English?

6. How many languages do you know?

7. How difficult is it to learn a new language?

8. Are translations of vocabulary always accurate?

9. What do you think of the idea of having one global language?

10. How important is your language to you?

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GOOGLE TRANSLATE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?

12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'translate'?

13. What do you think about what you read?

14. How good do you think Google Translate is?

15. Would you be a good translator?

16. How important is it to protect indigenous languages?

17. What new languages would you like to learn?

18. What would life be like if all language was translated immediately?

19. What will Google Translate be like in 20 years from now?

20. What questions would you like to ask Google?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

1.	(a)	us	(b)	them	(c)	they	(d)	we
2.	(a)	calculate	(b)	captivate	(c)	accurate	(d)	acculturate
3.	(a)	to	(b)	between	(c)	by	(d)	of
4.	(a)	indignant	(b)	indigestion	(c)	indigo	(d)	indigenous
5.	(a)	reposition	(b)	reposting	(c)	repository	(d)	repost
6.	(a)	reprehensive	(b)	comprehensive	(c)	adhesive	(d)	submissive
7.	(a)	grange	(b)	range	(c)	arrange	(d)	derange
8.	(a)	to	(b)	in	(c)	at	(d)	on
9.	(a)	few	(b)	numerous	(c)	couple	(d)	several
10.	(a)	inspires	(b)	spires	(c)	perspires	(d)	aspires
11.	(a)	at	(b)	to	(c)	of	(d)	by
12.	(a)	overdone	(b)	overlay	(c)	overly	(d)	overlooked

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. an <u>nlbpsaieensid</u> tool

2. <u>acucaret</u> and quick

3. <u>ehndceonmgirp</u> vocabulary

4. the <u>ninedogsui</u> Aymara

5. added to its <u>oyrtpirose</u>

6. <u>deorvpi</u> support for

Paragraph 2

7. <u>nltiucsgii</u> data

8. <u>tfiiclatade</u> adding the new languages

9. not <u>nltoalegyciclho</u> possible

10. what we call a low <u>eurceors</u>

11. Google <u>rpaisse</u> to support languages

12. to render <u>iscstenasa</u>

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

(   )   comprehensive. There are around 7,000 languages worldwide that Translate doesn't provide support for.

(   )   Translate needs to analyze a large range of linguistic data to be able to support a

(   )   resource - meaning that there are not very many text resources out there for them." He explained

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(   )   and Quechua languages of the Americas. Google rolled out its first translation service

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(   )   by more than 300 million people worldwide. Among them are the indigenous Aymara, Guarani

(   )   that Google aspires to support languages used by large populations. One of these is Lingala, spoken by 45 million people across

(   )   of comprehending vocabulary and texts in other languages. The 24 new languages are spoken

(   )   ago, it simply was not technologically possible to add languages like these, which are what we call a low

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1. Google   us,   indispensable   .   of   For   Translate   is   many

2. of   quick   accurate   and   way   An   comprehending   vocabulary   .

3. more   Spoken   million   worldwide   .   people   300   by   than

4. out   rolled   Google   translation   its   service   .   first

5. It   a   way   has   still   go   .   to

6. linguistic   range   of   analyzes   large   data   .   Translate   a

7. in   adding   facilitated   have   technology   languages   .   Advances   new

8. add   these   .   like   Not   technologically   possible   languages   to

9. populations   .   Google   large   used   languages   supports   by

10. are   languages   technology   .   often   by   that   overlooked   Indigenous

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

Google Translate has added 24 languages to its translation service, *brought / bringing* the total number to 133. For many of *them / us*, Translate is an indispensable tool. It provides a *convenience / convenient*, accurate and quick way of *comprehending / comprehend* vocabulary and texts in other languages. The 24 new languages are spoken *by / to* more than 300 million people worldwide. Among them are the indigenous Aymara, Guarani and Quechua languages of the *Americas / America*. Google rolled *up / out* its first translation service in 2006 and has continually added to its *repository / repose*. Google said it still has a way to *go / come* to be more comprehensive. There are around 7,000 languages worldwide that Translate doesn't provide support *from / for*.

Translate needs to analyze a large range *of / to* linguistic data to be able to support a language. Isaac Caswell, a Google Translate scientist, told journalists about how *advance / advances* in technology have facilitated adding the new languages. He said: "Up until a *few / couple* of years ago, it simply was not technologically *possibility / possible* to add languages like these, which are what we call a *low / lowly* resource - meaning that there are not very many text resources *out / up* there for them." He explained that Google *aspires / inspires* to support languages used by large *populations / population*. One of these is Lingala, spoken by 45 million people across Central Africa. It also wants to *tender / render* assistance for indigenous languages that are often overlooked *on / by* technology.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

G__gl_   Tr_nsl_t_   h_s   _dd_d   24   l_ng__g_s   t_   _ts tr_nsl_t__n s_rv_c_, br_ng_ng th_ t_t_l n_mb_r t_ 133. F_r m_ny   _f _s, Tr_nsl_t_   _s   _n   _nd_sp_ns_bl_   t__l. _t pr_v_d_s _ c_nv_n__nt, _cc_r_t_ _nd q__ck w_y _f c_mpr_h_nd_ng   v_c_b_l_ry   _nd   t_xts   _n   _th_r l_ng__g_s. Th_ 24 n_w l_ng__g_s _r_ sp_k_n by m_r_ th_n 300 m_ll__n p__pl_ w_rldw_d_. _m_ng th_m _r_ th_   _nd_g_n__s   _ym_r_,   G__r_n_   _nd   Q__ch__ l_ng__g_s _f th_ _m_r_c_s. G__gl_ r_ll_d __t _ts f_rst tr_nsl_t__n s_rv_c_ _n 2006 _nd h_s c_nt_n__lly _dd_d t_ _ts r_p_s_t_ry. G__gl_ s__d _t st_ll h_s _ w_y t_ g_ t_ b_ m_r_ c_mpr_h_ns_v_. Th_r_ _r_ _r__nd 7,000 l_ng__g_s w_rldw_d_ th_t Tr_nsl_t_ d__sn't pr_v_d_ s_pp_rt f_r.

Tr_nsl_t_ n__ds t_ _n_lyz_ _ l_rg_ r_ng_ _f l_ng__st_c d_t_ t_ b_ _bl_ t_ s_pp_rt _ l_ng__g_. _s__c C_sw_ll, _ G__gl_ Tr_nsl_t_ sc__nt_st, t_ld j__rn_l_sts _b__t h_w _dv_nc_s _n t_chn_l_gy h_v_ f_c_l_t_d _dd_ng th_ n_w l_ng__g_s. H_ s__d: "_p _nt_l _ c__pl_ _f y__rs _g_, _t s_mply w_s n_t t_chn_l_g_c_lly p_ss_bl_ t_ _dd l_ng__g_s l_k_ th_s_, wh_ch _r_ wh_t w_ c_ll _ l_w r_s__rc_ - m__n_ng th_t th_r_ _r_ n_t v_ry m_ny t_xt r_s__rc_s __t th_r_ f_r th_m." H_ _xpl__n_d th_t G__gl_ _sp_r_s t_ s_pp_rt l_ng__g_s _s_d by l_rg_ p_p_l_t__ns. _n_ _f th_s_ _s L_ng_l_, sp_k_n by 45 m_ll__n p__pl_ _cr_ss C_ntr_l _fr_c_. _t _ls_ w_nts t_ r_nd_r _ss_st_nc_ f_r _nd_g_n__s l_ng__g_s th_t _r_ _ft_n _v_rl__k_d by t_chn_l_gy.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

Write about **Google Translate** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

Everyone should learn at least two other languages. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. GOOGLE TRANSLATE: Make a poster about Google Translate. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ONE LANGUAGE: Write a magazine article about there being just one world language. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Google Translate. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e   2. c   3. b   4. f   5. a   6. g   7. d
8. m   9. k   10. n   11. h   12. j   13. i   14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1 F   2 F   3 T   4 T   5 T   6 T   7 T   8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. j	2. d	3. f	4. h	5. c
6. a	7. b	8. i	9. g	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. 133
2. More than 300 million
3. Three
4. 2006
5. Around 7,000
6. Linguistic data
7. Advances in technology
8. Text resources
9. Lingala
10. Indigenous languages

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. For many of us, Google Translate is indispensable.
2. An accurate and quick way of comprehending vocabulary.
3. Spoken by more than 300 million people worldwide.
4. Google rolled out its first translation service.
5. It still has a way to go.
6. Translate analyzes a large range of linguistic data.
7. Advances in technology have facilitated adding new languages.
8. Not technologically possible to add languages like these.
9. Google supports languages used by large populations.
10. Indigenous languages that are often overlooked by technology.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b   2. d   3. c   4. a   5. b   6. a   7. c   8. a   9. d   10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)