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Google Translate adds 24 new languages

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Google added 24 languages to its translation service. Google Translate now has 133 languages. It is a valuable and convenient tool. The 24 new languages are spoken by more than 300 million people. Among them are many indigenous languages. Google started its translation service in 2006. It has added to it ever since. Google said it still has a way to go. There are 7,000 languages worldwide that are not on Translate.

Translate needs lots of linguistic data to support a language. It said: "Up until a couple of years ago, it simply was not technologically possible to add languages like these [new ones], which are what we call a low resource - meaning that there are not very many text resources...for them." Google hopes to support languages that many people speak. It also wants to focus on indigenous languages that are often overlooked by technology.

Sources: <https://techcrunch.com/2022/05/11/google-translate-adds-24-new-languages-including-its-first-indigenous-languages-of-the-americas/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. its translation | a. 300 million people |
| 2. Google Translate now | b. a way to go |
| 3. It is a valuable and | c. languages |
| 4. spoken by more than | d. convenient tool |
| 5. many indigenous | e. worldwide |
| 6. It has added to it | f. service |
| 7. Google said it still has | g. ever since |
| 8. 7,000 languages | h. has 133 languages |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. lots of linguistic | a. possible |
| 2. Up until a | b. languages |
| 3. not technologically | c. low resource |
| 4. what we call a | d. by technology |
| 5. there are not very many text | e. data |
| 6. support languages that | f. couple of years ago |
| 7. focus on indigenous | g. many people speak |
| 8. overlooked | h. resources |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Google (1) _____ to its translation service. Google Translate now has 133 languages. It (2) _____ and convenient tool. The 24 new languages (3) _____ more than 300 million people. Among them (4) _____ languages. Google started its translation service in 2006. It has (5) _____ ever since. Google said it still has a way to go. There are 7,000 languages (6) _____ not on Translate.

Translate needs (7) _____ data to support a language. It said: "Up until (8) _____ years ago, it simply was not technologically possible (9) _____ like these [new ones], which are what we call (10) _____ - meaning that there are not very many text resources...for them." Google (11) _____ languages that many people speak. It also wants to focus on indigenous languages that are (12) _____ technology.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GOOGLE TRANSLATE SURVEY

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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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Google Translate** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
