

Practice: Present simple or present continuous?

1- Read the following text "Machine" and complete the blank space with the correct form of present simple or present continuous:

Machine

People _____ (communicate) using language. But at the moment the world _____ (have) about 6,900 languages: this _____ (mean) that language often _____ (prevent) communication. To solve this problem online, more and more people _____ (start) to use machine translation.

Some people _____ (use) machine translation to read websites in a foreign language. Others _____ (translate) instant messages in order to talk to people whose language they _____ (not understand). In the past machine translation was unreliable but translation software _____ (get) better all the time and at present many companies _____ (develop) efficient portable translators.

2- Answer the following questions after reading the text:

A- How many languages do you speak?

B- Do you think it is important to learn different languages? Why-why not?

C- Would you use a translator machine? Why-Why not?

D- According to the text, What does people use the translator for?

E- Think about the future, Do you think people will use translator machines more than now?