Google Translate



Español ⇄ Inglés

ESPAÑOL

querer es poder

INGLÉS

want is power

Read the translation above and let's discuss in class:

- What's the meaning of that phrase in Spanish?
- Is the translation correct? Why? Why not?
- What is the correct equivalence?
- Do you find Google Translate reliable after seeing this? Why? Why not?

Now, let's read some anonymous testimonies about Google Translate users. Do you think they talk in a positive or negative way?

Speaker 1: "I work as a freelance translator, and sometimes I like using Google Translate to speed up the process. However, sometimes it makes mistakes and I have to double-check the accuracy. There are clients that are not happy with the translated documents and the awkward phrasings. But there are some other clients that don't mind giving me extra time fixing the mistakes"

Speaker 2: "As a student studying abroad, Google Translate is a lifesaver for me. Whenever I come across a word in a foreign language that I don't understand, I simply type it into the app, and within seconds, I have a translation that and I can comprehend. I love using it because I can talk with many people around the world, too"

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Let's have a look at some good and bad points of using Google Translate. Read the extract of this article and say if you agree or disagree with each point.



Google Translate, is a tool many people use worldwide to change text from one language to another. But like many things, it has good and bad points.

Good points:

- **Easy to Use: Google Translate is simple to find online or on your phone, so you can translate text easily.**
- **Quick: It gives translations almost immediately, which saves time, especially for urgent things.**
- **Many Languages: Google Translate works with lots of languages, so you can translate many different ones.**
- **Free: You don't have to pay to use it, which means anyone on the internet can use it.**

Bad points:

- **Accuracy: Sometimes, Google Translate doesn't get the translations exactly right, especially for texts with details.**
- **Context: It can have trouble understanding the meaning behind the text, so it might make mistakes or misunderstand.**
- **Mistakes: Translations might have grammar mistakes, which can make them sound unnatural, strange and confusing.**
- **Missing Details: It might not capture all the small differences or cultural meanings of languages, so translations might lose some of their original meaning or feeling.**

In short, Google Translate is useful for simple translations and quick help, but it's important to know its limits. For important documents or sensitive talks, it's better to ask a professional translator or a native speaker for accurate translations you can trust.



Answer the following YES/NO questions using the information from the text.

1. Is Google Translate accessible?
2. Do you save money and time by using Google Translate?
3. Does Google Translate give instant translations?
4. Is Google Translate accurate most of the time?
5. Does Google Translate have a special function to understand cultural nuances?
6. Is Google Translate useful when it comes to important documents?

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Word Origin



If we translate some words on Google Translate, we will find they share meaning. However, they may have a different origin. Let's check that!



American Words



British Words

Drag the words to the group that you consider correct:

DOWNTOWN THEATER SHOE SHOP SHOE STORE

HARDWARE STORE HIGHWAY SHOPPING MALL

CITY CENTRE THEATRE MOTORWAY DIY SHOP

SHOPPING CENTRE

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