

PRESENT SIMPLE VS 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.

Present simple and present continuous

2 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in bold.

1 *drive*

- a He _____ a motorbike every day.
- b He _____ to and from work this week.

2 *speak*

- a She _____ three languages.
- b She _____ to her doctor at the moment.

3 *work*

- a I _____ in Belgium for the rest of the year.
- b I enjoy my job – I _____ as a chemist.

4 *translate*

- a They _____ documents and offer other services.
- b They _____ some documents for an important case.

3 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of the verb in brackets. Use the present continuous when possible.

- 1 I _____ (*understand*) you very well.
- 2 We _____ (*study*) business at a college in Ireland.
- 3 He _____ (*take*) flying lessons every Wednesday evening.
- 4 Where _____ you _____ (*go*)?
- 5 I'm sorry, I _____ (*not remember*) your name.
- 6 We _____ (*live*) in Morocco at the moment.
- 7 She _____ (*learn*) Spanish for her new job.
- 8 We _____ (*not want*) to leave yet.