

EXTRA PRACTICE

Name: _____

1. Complete the text

Machine translation

People _____ (*communicate*) using language. But at the moment the world _____ (*have*) about six thousand nine hundred 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.