

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.