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Google Translate adds 24 new languages

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Google added 24 languages to its translation service, bringing the total number to 133. Google Translate is an indispensable tool. It conveniently and quickly translates vocabulary and texts into other languages. The 24 new languages are spoken by more than 300 million people. Among them are indigenous languages of the Americas. Google started its first translation service in 2006. It has continually added to the number of languages. Google said it still has a way to go. There are 7,000 languages worldwide that Translate doesn't translate.

Translate needs a large amount of linguistic data to support a language. Google explained how new technology helped to add the new languages. It said: "Up until a couple of years ago, it simply was not technologically possible to add languages like these, which are what we call a low resource - meaning that there are not very many text resources...for them." Google hopes to support languages used by large populations. It also wants to provide assistance for indigenous languages that are often overlooked by technology.

Sources: <https://techcrunch.com/2022/05/11/google-translate-adds-24-new-languages-including-its-first-indigenous-languages-of-the-americas/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. bringing the total number | a. to the number |
| 2. Translate is an indispensable | b. and texts |
| 3. translates vocabulary | c. worldwide |
| 4. Among them are indigenous | d. to 133 |
| 5. started its first | e. a way to go |
| 6. It has continually added | f. languages |
| 7. Google said it still has | g. translation service |
| 8. There are 7,000 languages | h. tool |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a large amount | a. of years ago |
| 2. Google explained how new | b. assistance |
| 3. Up until a couple | c. possible |
| 4. it simply was not technologically | d. by technology |
| 5. languages used by large | e. of linguistic data |
| 6. provide | f. languages |
| 7. indigenous | g. technology helped |
| 8. often overlooked | h. populations |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Translate needs a large amount (7) _____ to support a language. Google explained how new technology helped to add the new languages. It said: "Up (8) _____ of years ago, it simply was not technologically (9) _____ languages like these, which are what we call (10) _____ - meaning that there are not very many text resources...for them." Google hopes to support languages used by large populations. It also (11) _____ assistance for indigenous languages that are (12) _____ technology.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GOOGLE TRANSLATE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Google Translate in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

