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## **Level 5 – 6th October 2025**

### **Real-time translation could end need to learn languages**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251006-real-time-translation-5.html>

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251006-real-time-translation-5.html>

New technology could transform language learning and communication. Apple says its AirPods Pro 3 earbuds can translate foreign languages in real time. In addition, conversations will automatically appear on the screens of users' devices. This could have major consequences for the language teaching industry. Instant translation could stop people from spending time and money on learning other languages. The technology is another example of how AI is changing jobs. Many teachers are worried about how real-time translation might affect their future.

Apple said its earbuds would help people communicate "seamlessly". It added the buds would overcome language barriers. The Live Translation feature will help us "across select languages when messaging or speaking". This is an example of science fiction becoming science fact. For decades, writers have written about real-time language translation tools. In the novel "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" there was a fictional "Babel fish". This was put in the ear to translate languages. The Japanese manga character Doraemon used a special jelly to translate any language.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. technology could transform       | a. worried             |
| 2. conversations will automatically | b. industry            |
| 3. This could have major            | c. affect their future |
| 4. the language teaching            | d. consequences        |
| 5. spending time                    | e. is changing jobs    |
| 6. another example of how AI        | f. appear              |
| 7. Many teachers are                | g. language learning   |
| 8. real-time translation might      | h. and money           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. help people communicate        | a. science fact        |
| 2. the buds would overcome        | b. languages           |
| 3. help us across select          | c. character Doraemon  |
| 4. when messaging                 | d. "seamlessly"        |
| 5. science fiction becoming       | e. translate languages |
| 6. real-time language translation | f. or speaking         |
| 7. put in the ear to              | g. language barriers   |
| 8. The Japanese manga             | h. tools               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Apple said (7) \_\_\_\_\_ help people communicate "seamlessly". It added the buds would (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The Live Translation feature will help us "across select languages when (9) \_\_\_\_\_. This is an example of science fiction (10) \_\_\_\_\_. For decades, writers have written about real-time language translation tools. In the novel "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" there (11) \_\_\_\_\_ "Babel fish". This was put in the ear to translate languages. The Japanese manga character Doraemon used a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ translate any language.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# REAL-TIME TRANSLATION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251006-real-time-translation-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about real-time translation 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) \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251006-real-time-translation-5.html>

Write about **real-time translation** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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