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

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# THE ARTICLE

New technology from Apple could transform language learning and global communication. The tech giant says its new AirPods Pro 3 earbuds can translate foreign languages in people's ears in real time. In addition, transcripts of conversations will automatically appear on the screens of users' devices. This could have major repercussions for the language teaching industry. Instant translation could deter people from investing the time and financial outlay required to learn another language. The technology is another example of the impact AI could have on jobs. Many teachers will be concerned about how real-time translation might affect their industry and their future.

Apple wrote on its website that its AirPods Pro 3 would help people communicate "seamlessly" in other languages. It added: "For those moments when a language barrier gets in the way, Live Translation can help users communicate across select languages when messaging or speaking." The technology is another example of science fiction becoming science fact. For the past century, people have foretold novel ways to translate languages in real time. The 1979 novel "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" envisaged a fictional "Babel fish" that is put in one's ear to understand foreign tongues. The Japanese manga and anime character Doraemon used a special jelly to magically translate any language.

# WARM-UPS

**1. REAL-TIME TRANSLATION:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about real-time translation. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

new technology / language learning / Apple / foreign languages / devices / translation communicate / language barrier / messaging / speaking / science fiction / anime

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. ONE LANGUAGE:** Students A **strongly** believe there should only be one language in the world; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. AI:** How might AI change these areas? Is this good or bad? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|  | **How?** | **Good/Bad?** | **Why?** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Teaching |  |  |  |
| Customer service |  |  |  |
| Taxis |  |  |  |
| Law |  |  |  |
| The military |  |  |  |
| Healthcare |  |  |  |

**5. GLOBAL:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "global". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. LANGUAGE LEARNING:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways to learn a language at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- AI chatbots
- YouTube videos
- Grammar books
- Songs

- English schools
- Reading novels
- Study every day
- Vocabulary apps

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

**Paragraph 1**

1. transform

2. transcripts

3. devices

4. repercussions

5. deter

6. outlay

7. impact (noun)

a. Change something into something different.

b. The amount of money spent on something.

c. Written copies of spoken words or school records.

d. Stop someone from doing something.

e. Machines or tools made for a special use.

f. Bad results that happen because of an action.

g. A strong effect or influence.

**Paragraph 2**

8. seamlessly

9. barrier

10. select (adjective)

11. foretold

12. novel (adjective)

13. envisaged

14. foreign tongues

h. New and different from what was known before.

i. Said that something would happen in the future.

j. Smoothly, with no breaks or problems.

k. Thought about something that might happen in the future.

l. Something that stops people or things from moving or working.

m. Languages from other countries.

n. Chosen as the best or most special.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if  a-h  below are true (T) or false (F).

1.    The article said Apple made new headphones that translate languages.   **T / F**
2.    The new translation tool only translates the spoken word.    **T / F**
3.    The English language teaching industry welcomed the new tool.    **T / F**
4.    Many English teachers are worried about their futures.    **T / F**
5.    Apples new translation technology could enable perfect communication.  **T / F**
6.    The new tool is an example of science fiction becoming science fact.    **T / F**
7.    A 1979 book described a translation fish that is put in the ear.    **T / F**
8.    A Japanese manga character uses a cookie to translate languages.    **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:  (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **1.  transform** | a. | reality |
| **2.  transcripts** | b. | expenditure |
| **3.  devices** | c. | predicted |
| **4.  outlay** | d. | gadgets |
| **5.  affect** | e. | imaginary |
| **6.  seamlessly** | f. | alter |
| **7.  fact** | g. | flawlessly |
| **8.  foretold** | h. | written versions |
| **9.  fictional** | i. | overseas |
| **10. foreign** | j. | impact |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1.  transform language learning and | a. | repercussions |
| 2.  conversations will automatically appear | b. | science fact |
| 3.  This could have major | c. | "seamlessly" |
| 4.  another example of the impact AI | d. | on the screens |
| 5.  how real-time translation might | e. | translate any language |
| 6.  help people communicate | f. | could have on jobs |
| 7.  when a language | g. | global communication |
| 8.  science fiction becoming | h. | tongues |
| 9.  understand foreign | i. | affect their industry |
| 10. a special jelly to magically | j. | barrier gets in the way |

# GAP FILL

New technology from Apple could (1) _____ language learning and global communication. The tech (2) _____ says its new AirPods Pro 3 earbuds can translate foreign languages in people's ears in real time. In addition, (3) _____ of conversations will automatically appear on the screens of users' devices. This could have (4) _____ repercussions for the language teaching industry. Instant translation could (5) _____ people from investing the time and financial outlay required to learn another language. The technology is another example of the (6) _____ AI could have on jobs. Many teachers will be (7) _____ about how real-time translation might affect their (8) _____ and their future.

*transcripts*

*deter*

*concerned*

*major*

*industry*

*transform*

*giant*

*impact*

Apple wrote on its website that its AirPods Pro 3 would help people communicate "(9) _____" in other languages. It added: "For those moments when a language (10) _____ gets in the way, Live Translation can help users communicate across (11) _____ languages when messaging or speaking." The technology is another example of science (12) _____ becoming science fact. For the past century, people have (13) _____ novel ways to translate languages in real time. The 1979 (14) _____ "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" envisaged a fictional "Babel fish" that is put in one's ear to understand foreign (15) _____. The Japanese manga and anime character Doraemon used a (16) _____ jelly to magically translate any language.

*tongues*

*barrier*

*fiction*

*seamlessly*

*special*

*novel*

*select*

*foretold*

# LISTENING − Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1) technology from Apple could transform language learning _____
   a. and globally communication
   b. end global communication
   c. and global communication
   d. and global communicative

2) transcripts of conversations will automatically appear on the screens _____
   a. of users' device
   b. of usage devices
   c. off users' devices
   d. of users' devices

3) repercussions for the language teaching industry. Instant translation _____
   a. could deter people
   b. could defer people
   c. could ditto people
   d. could dieter people

4) The technology is another example of the impact AI could _____
   a. have in jobs
   b. have on jobs
   c. having jobs
   d. have off jobs

5) concerned about how real-time translation might _____
   a. affect there industry
   b. effect their industry
   c. affect their industrial
   d. affect their industry

6) Apple wrote on its website that its AirPods Pro 3 would help _____
   a. people communicate seamlessly
   b. people communicate seem less lea
   c. people communicate seem messily
   d. people communicate sea messily

7) For those moments when a language barrier gets _____
   a. in their way
   b. in the way
   c. in the weight
   d. in the whey

8) The technology is another example of science fiction _____
   a. becoming science factual
   b. becoming sciences fact
   c. becoming science fact
   d. becoming science pact

9) For the past century, people have _____
   a. foretold novel ways
   b. foretold novella ways
   c. foretold novel weighs
   d. fort told novel ways

10) envisaged a fictional "Babel fish" that is put in one's ear to _____
   a. understand foreign tongs
   b. understand foreign tongue
   c. understands foreign tongues
   d. understand foreign tongues

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

New technology from Apple could transform language learning and global communication. The (1) _____ its new AirPods Pro 3 earbuds can translate foreign languages in people's ears (2) _____. In addition, transcripts of conversations will automatically appear on the screens (3) _____. This could have major repercussions for the language teaching industry. Instant translation could (4) _____ investing the time and financial outlay required to learn another language. The technology is another example (5) _____ AI could have on jobs. Many teachers will be concerned about how real-time translation (6) _____ industry and their future.

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What's the name of the Apple tool?

2. Where will transcripts of the translations appear?

3. What kind of repercussions could the tool have for language teaching?

4. What could the tool stop people doing?

5. What are language teachers worried about?

6. What did Apple say might get in the way of communication?

7. What does the article say science fiction has become?

8. When was "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" written?

9. What allowed people to understand "foreign tongues" in the book?

10. What did a Japanese manga character use to translate languages?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) What's the name of the Apple tool?
a) Real-time Speak
b) Translation Plus
c) AirPods Pro 3 earbuds
d) One World Language

2) Where will transcripts of the translations appear?
a) on the screens of users' devices
b) on social media sites
c) on the Apple website
d) in users' mail accounts

3) What kind of repercussions could the tool have for language teaching?
a) political repercussions
b) far-reaching repercussions
c) unforeseen repercussions
d) major repercussions

4) What could the tool stop people doing?
a) talking to each other
b) learning another language
c) using their smartphone
d) reading

5) What are language teachers worried about?
a) mistakes
b) the translation of idioms
c) their industry and their future
d) hearing loss

6) What did Apple say might get in the way of communication?
a) the price
b) language barriers
c) the geo-political situation
d) changing language

7) What does the article say science fiction has become?
a) like real life
b) a little bit boring
c) very exciting
d) science fact

8) When was "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" written?
a) 1980
b) 1979
c) 1978
d) 1977

9) What allowed people to understand "foreign tongues" in the book?
a) a "Babel fish"
b) electricity in the air
c) a magic book
d) a language cap

10) What did a Japanese manga character use to translate languages?
a) special glasses
b) a go-anywhere door
c) a bamboo helicopter blade
d) a special jelly

# ROLE PLAY

**Role  A – AI Chatbots**

You think AI chatbots are the best way to learn English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): YouTube videos, grammar books or going to English school.

**Role  B – YouTube Videos**

You think YouTube videos are the best way to learn English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): AI chatbots, grammar books or going to English school.

**Role  C – Grammar Books**

You think grammar books are the best way to learn English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): YouTube videos, AI chatbots or going to English school.

**Role  D – Going to English School**

You think going to English school are the best way to learn English. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): YouTube videos, grammar books or AI chatbots.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for… the words  'translation' and 'language'.

| translation | language |
|---|---|
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.


**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.


**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning…?


**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.


**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

| | |
|---|---|
| • transform | • website |
| • giant | • moments |
| • addition | • select |
| • deter | • fact |
| • example | • 1979 |
| • future | • special |

# REAL-TIME TRANSLATION SURVEY

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.

# REAL-TIME TRANSLATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?

2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'translation'?

3. What do you think of language learning?

4. What languages would you really like to learn?

5. How can technology aid language learning?

6. What do you think of real-time translation?

7. Would you stop learning English with real-time translation?

8. Which is better, learning English with a teacher or with AI?

9. How would real-time translation change your life?

10. What advice do you have for English teachers?

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# REAL-TIME TRANSLATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?

12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'language'?

13. What do you think about what you read?

14. Why are you studying English?

15. When have you experienced a language barrier?

16. What do you think of science fiction becoming science fact?

17. What impact will real-time translation have on the world?

18. What impact will real-time translation have on tourism?

19. What do you think of the idea of just one global language?

20. What questions would you like to ask a language teacher?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | (a) | globe | (b) | globally | (c) | globalize | (d) | global |
| 2. | (a) | giant-sized | (b) | gigantic | (c) | giantlike | (d) | giant |
| 3. | (a) | at | (b) | in | (c) | of | (d) | by |
| 4. | (a) | percussion | (b) | percussive | (c) | repercussions | (d) | repertoire |
| 5. | (a) | outlay | (b) | slay | (c) | inlay | (d) | layer |
| 6. | (a) | affect | (b) | infect | (c) | effect | (d) | confect |
| 7. | (a) | in | (b) | at | (c) | of | (d) | in |
| 8. | (a) | way | (b) | limit | (c) | up | (d) | ear |
| 9. | (a) | realizing | (b) | becoming | (c) | having | (d) | doing |
| 10. | (a) | story | (b) | book | (c) | novel | (d) | tale |
| 11. | (a) | mouths | (b) | lips | (c) | tongues | (d) | tonsils |
| 12. | (a) | fantasy | (b) | magically | (c) | mystically | (d) | supernatural |

# SPELLING

## Paragraph 1

1.    <u>rsritcptans</u> of conversations

2.    appear on the screens of users' <u>vedseci</u>

3.    This could have major <u>pinoreussresc</u>

4.    <u>dtere</u> people from investing

5.    the time and financial <u>ultayo</u> required

6.    translation might affect their <u>uydtrsni</u>

## Paragraph 2

7.    communicate <u>ysssemaell</u> in other languages

8.    a language <u>ibrearr</u>

9.    people have <u>edltoorf</u> novel ways

10.   <u>vegseiadn</u> a fictional "Babel fish"

11.   understand foreign <u>gtsoneu</u>

12.   used a special jelly to <u>aigyalmlc</u> translate

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

(     )     addition, transcripts of conversations will automatically appear on the screens of users' devices. This could have major

(     )     Apple wrote on its website that its AirPods Pro 3 would help people communicate "seamlessly"

(     )     century, people have foretold novel ways to translate languages in real time. The 1979 novel "The Hitchhiker's Guide

(     )     giant says its new AirPods Pro 3 earbuds can translate foreign languages in people's ears in real time. In

(     )     how real-time translation might affect their industry and their future.

(     )     in other languages. It added: "For those moments when a language barrier gets in the

( *1* )     New technology from Apple could transform language learning and global communication. The tech

(     )     of the impact AI could have on jobs. Many teachers will be concerned about

(     )     or speaking." The technology is another example of science fiction becoming science fact. For the past

(     )     people from investing the time and financial outlay required to learn another language. The technology is another example

(     )     repercussions for the language teaching industry. Instant translation could deter

(     )     to the Galaxy" envisaged a fictional "Babel fish" that is put in one's ear to understand foreign

(     )     tongues. The Japanese manga and anime character Doraemon used a special jelly to magically translate any language.

(     )     way, Live Translation can help users communicate across select languages when messaging

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1. technology  New  Apple  from  transform  could  learning  language  .

2. Transcripts  conversations  of  automatically  will  on  appear  screens  .

3. people  Deter  investing  from  the  in  outlay  financial  .

4. The  AI  impact  have  could  teaching  on  jobs  .

5. real-time  How  might  translation  their  affect  industry  .

6. people  Help  seamlessly  communicate  other  in  languages  .

7. a  When  barrier  language  in  gets  way  the  .

8. Another  of  example  fiction  science  science  becoming  fact  .

9. have  People  novel  foretold  to  ways  languages  translate  .

10. A  jelly  special  magically  to  any  translate  language  .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From

New technology from Apple could transform language *learn / learning* and global communication. The tech giant says *its / our* new AirPods Pro 3 earbuds can translate foreign languages *on / in* people's ears in real time. In addition, transcripts of conversations will *automatic / automatically* appear on the screens of users' devices. This could *have / do* major repercussions for the language teaching industry. *Instant / Infant* translation could deter people *from / to* investing the time and financial *inlay / outlay* required to learn another language. The technology is another example of the impact AI could have on jobs. Many teachers will be *cornered / concerned* about how real-time translation might *affect / effect* their industry and their future.

Apple wrote *in / on* its website that its AirPods Pro 3 would help people communicate "*seamless / seamlessly*" in other languages. It added: "For those moments when a language barrier gets *on / in* the way, Live Translation can help users communicate *across / cross* select languages when messaging or speaking." The technology is another example of science fiction becoming science *factual / fact*. For the past century, people have foretold *book / novel* ways to translate languages in real time. The 1979 novel "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" envisaged a *fixture / fictional* "Babel fish" that is put in one's ear to understand foreign *vocals / tongues*. The Japanese manga and anime character Doraemon used *the / a* special jelly to *magically / magician* translate any language.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

N_w   t_chn_l_gy   fr_m   _ppl_   c__ld   tr_nsf_rm   l_ng__g_ l__rn_ng   _nd   gl_b_l   c_mm_n_c_t__n.   Th_   t_ch   g__nt s_ys   _ts   n_w   __rP_ds   Pr_   3   __rb_ds   c_n   tr_nsl_t_ f_r__gn   l_ng__g_s   _n   p__pl's   __rs   _n   r__l   t_m_.   _n _dd_t__n,   tr_nscr_pts   _f   c_nv_rs_t__ns   w_ll __t_m_t_c_lly   _pp__r   _n   th_   scr__ns   _f   _s_rs'   d_v_c_s. Th_s   c__ld   h_v_   m_j_r   r_p_rc_ss__ns   f_r   th_   l_ng__g_ t__ch_ng   _nd_stry.   _nst_nt   tr_nsl_t__n   c__ld   d_t_r p__pl_   fr_m   _nv_st_ng   th_   t_m_   _nd   f_n_nc__l   __tl_y r_q__r_d   t_   l__rn   _n_th_r   l_ng__g_.   Th_   t_chn_l_gy   _s _n_th_r   _x_mpl_   _f   th_   _mp_ct   __   c__ld   h_v_   _n   j_bs. M_ny   t__ch_rs   w_ll   b_   c_nc_rn_d   _b__t   h_w   r__l-t_m_ tr_nsl_t__n   m_ght   _ff_ct   th__r   _nd_stry   _nd   th__r f_t_r_.

_ppl_   wr_t_   _n   _ts   w_bs_t_   th_t   _ts   __rP_ds   Pr_   3 w__ld   h_lp   p__pl_   c_mm_n_c_t_   "s__ml_ssly"   _n   _th_r l_ng__g_s.   _t   _dd_d:   "F_r   th_s_   m_m_nts   wh_n   _ l_ng__g_   b_rr__r   g_ts   _n   th_   w_y,   L_v_   Tr_nsl_t__n c_n   h_lp   _s_rs   c_mm_n_c_t_   _cr_ss   s_l_ct   l_ng__g_s wh_n   m_ss_g_ng   _r   sp__k_ng."   Th_   t_chn_l_gy   _s _n_th_r   _x_mpl_   _f   sc__nc_   f_ct__n   b_c_m_ng   sc__nc_ f_ct.   F_r   th_   p_st   c_nt_ry,   p__pl_   h_v_   f_r_t_ld   n_v_l w_ys   t_   tr_nsl_t_   l_ng__g_s   _n   r__l   t_m_.   Th_   1979 n_v_l   "Th_   H_tchh_k_r's   G__d_   t_   th_   G_l_xy" _nv_s_g_d   _   f_ct__n_l   "B_b_l   f_sh"   th_t   _s   p_t   _n _n_'s   __r   t_   _nd_rst_nd   f_r__gn   t_ng__s.   Th_   J_p_n_s_ m_ng_   _nd   _n_m_   ch_r_ct_r   D_r__m_n   _s_d   _   sp_c__l j_lly   t_   m_g_c_lly   tr_nsl_t_   _ny   l_ng__g_.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

new technology from apple could transform language learning and global communication the tech giant says its new airpods pro 3 earbuds can translate foreign languages in peoples ears in real time in addition transcripts of conversations will automatically appear on the screens of users devices this could have major repercussions for the language teaching industry instant translation could deter people from investing the time and financial outlay required to learn another language the technology is another example of the impact ai could have on jobs many teachers will be concerned about how realtime translation might affect their industry and their future

apple wrote on its website that its airpods pro 3 would help people communicate seamlessly in other languages it added for those moments when a language barrier gets in the way live translation can help users communicate across select languages when messaging or speaking the technology is another example of science fiction becoming science fact for the past century people have foretold novel ways to translate languages in real time the 1979 novel the hitchhikers guide to the galaxy envisaged a fictional babel fish that is put in ones ear to understand foreign tongues the japanese manga and anime character doraemon used a special jelly to magically translate any language

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

Write about **real-time translation** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

We will not need language teachers in the future. Discuss.

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. REAL-TIME TRANSLATION:** Make a poster about real-time translation. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. ONE LANGUAGE:** Write a magazine article about using just one global language. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on real-time translation. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on how it will change the world. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a  2. c  3. e  4. f  5. d  6. b  7. g
8. j  9. l  10. n  11. i  12. h  13. k  14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1 F  2 F  3 F  4 T  5 T  6 T  7 T  8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

| 1. f | 2. h | 3. d | 4. b | 5. j |
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| 6. g | 7. a | 8. c | 9. e | 10. i |

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)**

1. AirPods Pro 3 earbuds
2. The screens of users' devices
3. Major repercussions
4. Learning another language
5. Their industry and their future
6. Language barriers
7. Science fact
8. 1979
9. A "Babel fish"
10. A special jelly

**WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)**

1. New technology from Apple could transform language learning.
2. Transcripts of conversations will automatically appear on screens.
3. Deter people from investing in the financial outlay.
4. The impact AI could have on teaching jobs.
5. How real-time translation might affect their industry.
6. Help people communicate seamlessly in other languages.
7. When a language barrier gets in the way.
8. Another example of science fiction becoming science fact.
9. People have foretold novel ways to translate languages.
10. A special jelly to magically translate any language.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c  2. a  3. d  4. b  5. c  6. b  7. d  8. b  9. a  10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)