

## Meaningful Use of Online Translators

Online translators and electronic dictionaries can be very helpful, when used in a meaningful way. Complete the following activities to explore the advantages and disadvantages of online translations.

(1) Find a paragraph in the language you are learning. Copy and paste it into an online translation program and translate it to your dominant language. Based on the result, complete the table below:

What did the online translator do well?	
What kinds of mistakes did the translator make?	
What are two changes you would make to improve the translation?	

(2) Using multiple sites can be helpful in getting a deeper meaning. Select five new words you would like to say in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Look up the meaning of each word using an online translator or dictionary and provide a definition for each. Be sure to use at least two different sites for each word.

- Were the meanings different on each site? If so, how? If not, do you see value in using multiple sites? Why or why not?

(3) Write three sentences in \_\_\_\_\_ and the same three sentences in English. Use the translator to translate your three English sentences back to the target language. How do the translated sentences compare with what you wrote yourself?