

How to Translate Foreign Languages on Your Computer and Phone

Computer Instructions

Use the Chrome browser and install the Google Translate extension:

https://chromewebstore.google.com/detail/aapbdbdomjkkjkaonfhbkikfjllcleb?utm_source=item-share-cb

Once you install the extension, Google Translate will automatically translate web pages into English (sometimes it's a little persnickety so if the page doesn't translate right away just reload and the translation will appear)

Also, if you select text a little Google Translate icon will appear and when you click it you will get a translation in a text box. Sometimes the icon doesn't appear, in which case you can open the Google Translate extension to see the translation. You can also right click the selected text and then select Google Translate from the menu.

You can also translate text in images using Google Lens but it's a bit of a pain in the ass. If you're on a computer, select the image using the screen capture function, then copy the text and paste into Google Translate.

Phone/Tablet Instructions

If you're on your phone, install the Google Translate and Google Lens apps. Also use the Brave browser which has automatic page translation built in (also you should use it anyway because it has a fantastic ad blocker which I use to watch YouTube videos ad free): <https://brave.com/>

If you need to translate specific text, just select and then choose translate from the menu (apologies for the cringe example 😅)

You can translate images on a webpage by pressing on the image, selecting share with Google Lens, then selecting translate.

Translating Video

This is a lot more time consuming and honestly I don't do it because it's a giant pain in the ass but here's how to translate video (If there's a better way to do this, let me know):

Download the video you want to translate. There's a huge number of video downloaders out there, just google to find one. You may need to try a few before you find one that works on YouTube since Google is constantly trying to bork attempts to download and get around subscribing to YouTube Premium.

If it's a long video try this (but fair warning it's pretty technical): <https://jdownloader.org/download/index>. You could also learn Linux (LOL I would never but my husband is a dev ops specialist, lucky me).

Okay, once you have the video downloaded, upload to Clipchamp (free video editing program created by Microsoft) and generate subtitles (they call it captions) then download the srt file.

Next take the srt file and upload here: <https://translatesubtitles.co/>. Then you can watch the video with the English subtitles by using a video player like MX Player or VLC.