How to use Google Translate on the Computer

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Google Translate changes information on your computer screen into a different language. You can choose which language you want the text, document or website translated into.
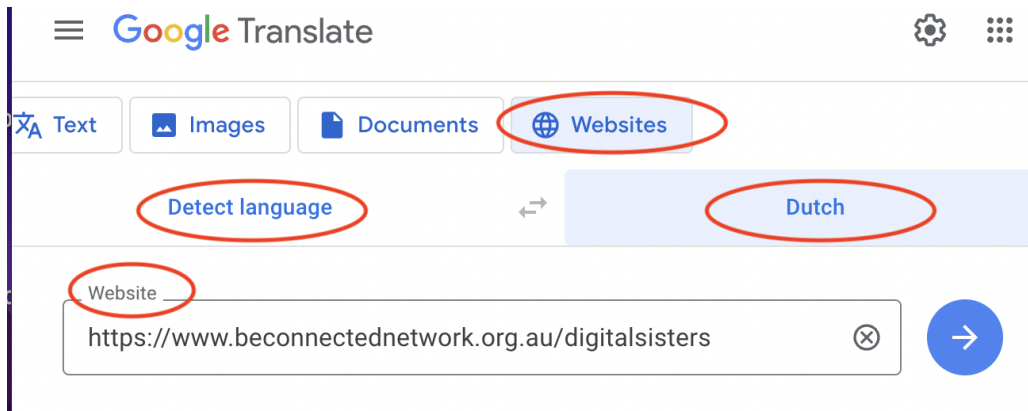This guide tells you how to do this on a computer.

Before you start

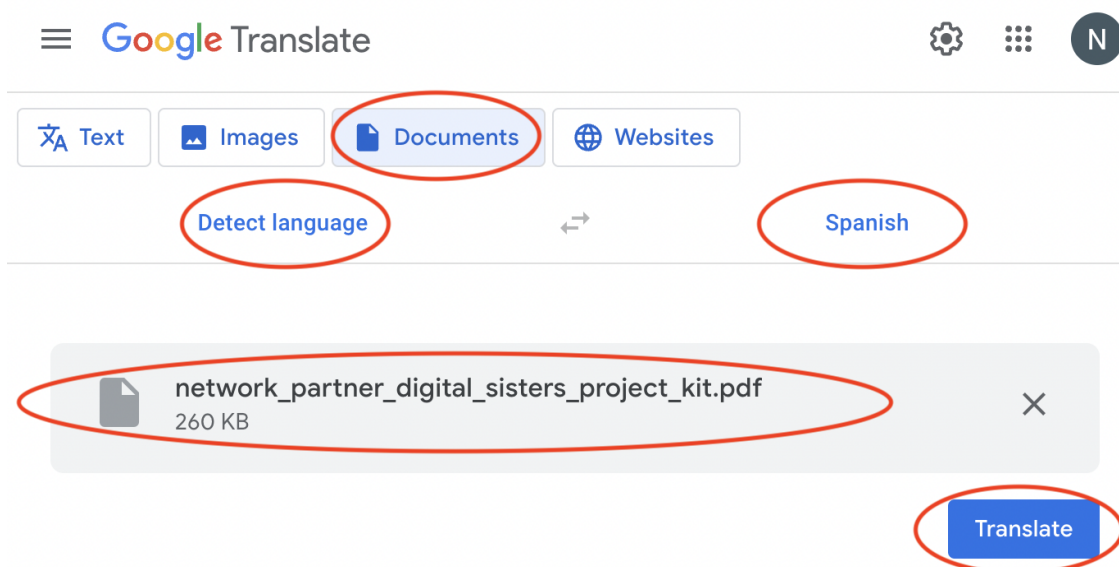Go to your browser and go to Google Translate: https://translate.google.com/

To translate websites

1. Select 'Websites'
2. Select 'English' on the left hand side, next to "detect language"
3. Select your the language you want it translated into on the right hand side
4. Copy and paste the URL (address) of the website to be translated and select the blue arrow
5. Go to the website you wanted translated. It should now show the site in your chosen language.
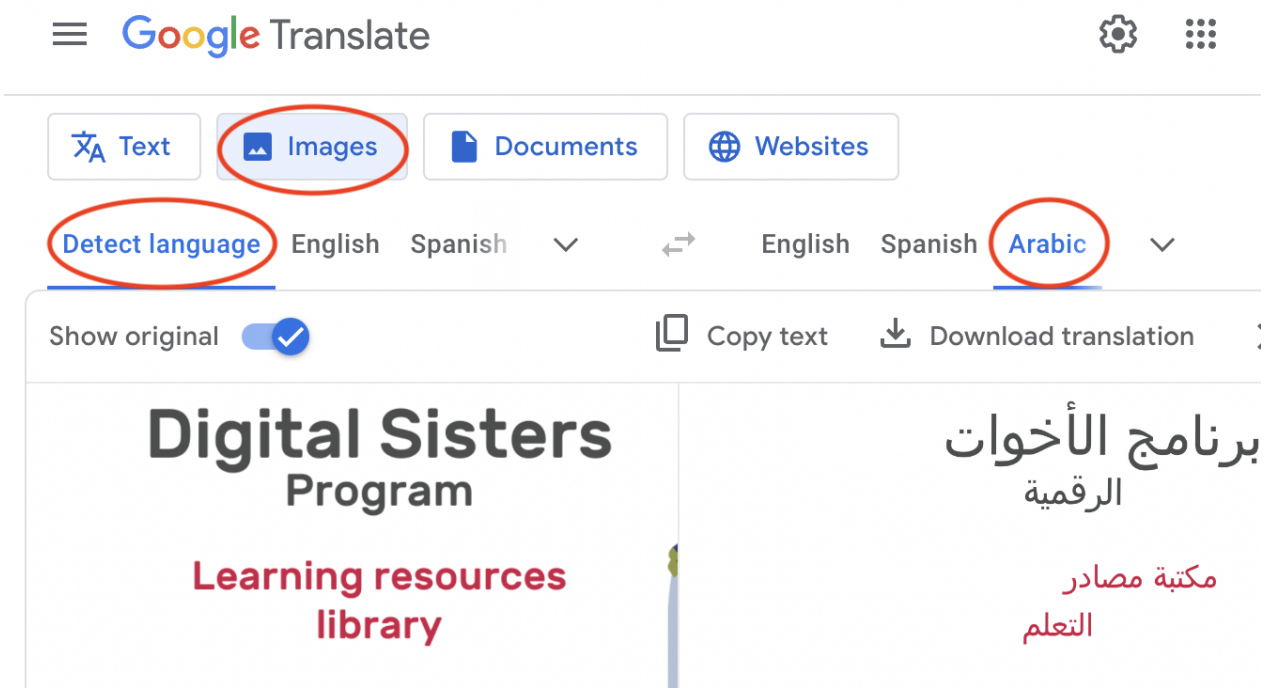
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To translate documents

1. Select the 'Documents' button
2. Select to detect the language in English on the left and language to translate to on the right
3. Upload the document you want to translate to Google Translate
4. Select 'Translate' and
5. Download the translated document
6. Find your translated document in your 'downloads'

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Translating text on images

1. Select an image to be translated.

2. Take a screenshot of it

3. Find this screenshot and upload it to Google Translate

4. Select 'English' on the left and your preferred language on the right hand side

💡 **TOP TIP 1:** select the text you want to translate and copy and paste it into the Google Translate box to read it in another language.

💡 **TOP TIP 2:** You can also use Google Lens for translation. See our tipsheet on google lens here.

💡 **TOP TIP 3:** Google Translate may make some mistakes in grammar or the words it uses. Ask an expert if you need to check if what you translated is correct.

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