

Browser Translation Tools

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Most popular internet browsers include built-in translation tools, which allow you to translate web content into different languages automatically. This guide will cover how to use the built-in translation

tools on smartphones and computers.

How to Translate Webpages on Mobile Devices (Smartphones)

1. On the webpage you'd like to translate, tap the menu icon to **open the browser's settings**. Depending on your device model and browser, the menu icon might look like ellipses (...), three stacked horizontal lines (≡), or another type of menu symbol.







Google Chrome

Microsoft Edge

Apple Safari

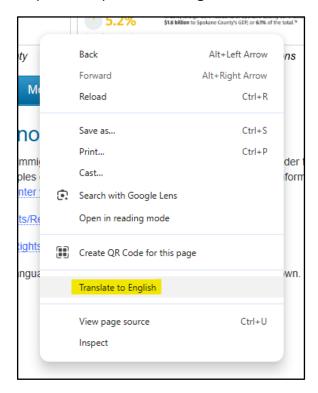
- 2. **Tap the "Translate" option** to open language options. *Note: You may have to scroll down or swipe to the next page of the menu to find the "Translate" option.*
- 3. In the Translate menu, **select your preferred language**. The browser will automatically translate the page.

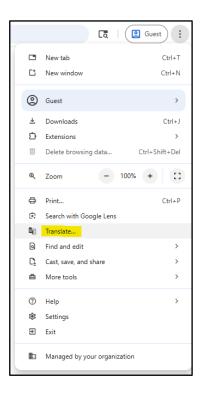
How to Translate Webpages on Desktop Devices (Computers)

This guide includes instructions for Google Chrome, Apple Safari, Microsoft Edge, and Mozilla Firefox.

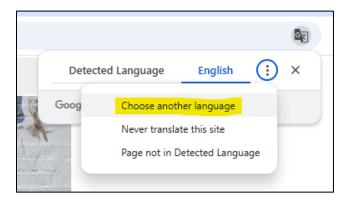
Google Chrome

 On the webpage you would like to translate, right-click on the page to open a settings menu or select the ellipses in the top-right corner of the browser window to open an expanded settings menu. Then, select the "Translate" option:

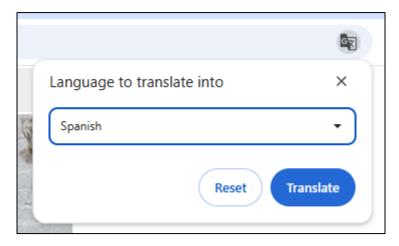




2. A Google Translate icon and a translation menu will appear at the right end of the address/search bar. At first, the language selection may default to system or browser settings.



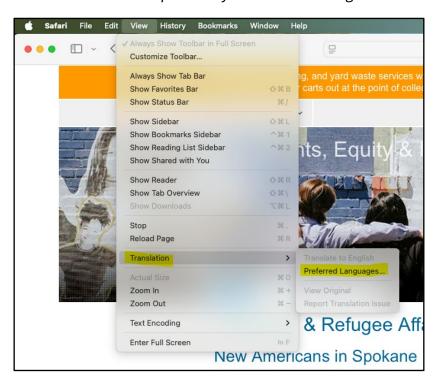
3. Select the ellipses and "Choose another language." Then, **select your preferred** language from the dropdown menu and select "Translate."



4. Now the page is translated! At any time, you may select the Google Translate icon in the search/address bar to update your language settings.

Apple Safari

1. In the top menu, **select View > Translation > Preferred Languages...** to open language settings. *Note: If you've already set up preferred languages on your device, there will be a "Translate to" option for your default settings.*



2. By default, your device will display just one preferred language. To add another language, **select the plus sign (+).** Then, **select your preferred language** from the list of available languages. *Note: A pop-up prompt will ask if you would like to set the new language as your default language*.

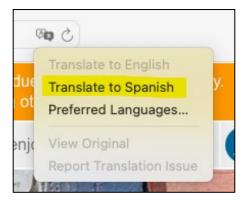
Now, your new selection will be listed under "Preferred Languages."







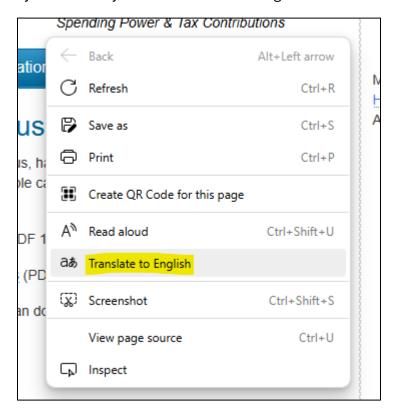
3. Back in the Safari window, a translation icon will appear in the address/search bar. Click the translate icon to open translation options. Then, select "Translate to [your preferred language]."



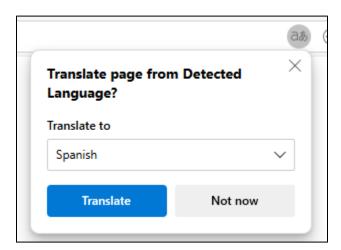
4. Now the page is translated! At any time, you may select the translation icon in the address/search bar to update your language settings.

Microsoft Edge

1. On the webpage you would like to translate, **right-click anywhere on the page to open a settings menu**. Then, **select the "Translate to" option**. The initial language selection may default to system or browser settings.



2. The page will be translated into the default language, and a translation icon will appear on the right side of the address/search bar. To change the language of the page, select the translation icon:

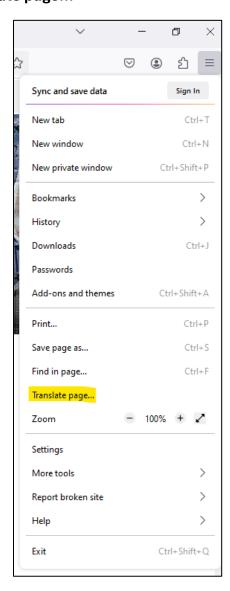


- 3. A translation menu will open. Under "Translate to," **select your preferred language** from the dropdown menu. Then, **select "Translate."**
- 4. Now the page is translated! At any time, you may select the translation icon in the search/address bar to update your language settings.

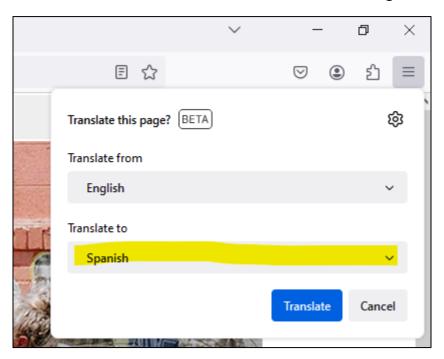
Mozilla Firefox

Note: Mozilla Firefox's translation tool is still in beta testing at the time of these instructions' publication.

1. On the webpage you would like to translate, **open the top-right dropdown menu**. Then, **select "Translate page..."**



2. In the popup menu, under "Translate to," **select your preferred language** from the dropdown menu. Then, **select "Translate**" to submit the change.



3. The browser may take a moment to process the translation. Now the page has been translated!



4. Once the page has been translated, a blue translation icon will appear on the right side of the address/search bar. Selecting this icon will allow you to change your language settings at any time.