



# Translating Text Types

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## translation - Importance and Definition

### Language, Communication and translation :

A certain language system has its own feature and norms that people use to **communicate** with each other.

An Arabic language speaker can understand what is spoken as he listens to somebody speaking Arabic and course; he can understand what is written as he reads an Arabic text.

**This is obviously logical** because the speakers of a certain language can communicate with each other and understand the spoken and written texts of this language.

**But**

WHAT IF TWO SIDES WHO ARE SPEAKERS OF TWO DIFFERENT LANGUAGE NEEDS TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER FOR A CERTAIN PURPOSE?

- **Example 1** : Company (A) speak only English

- Company (B) speak only Arabic

Both companies need services from other

- How can they communicate?

- How can they achieve their mutual goals?



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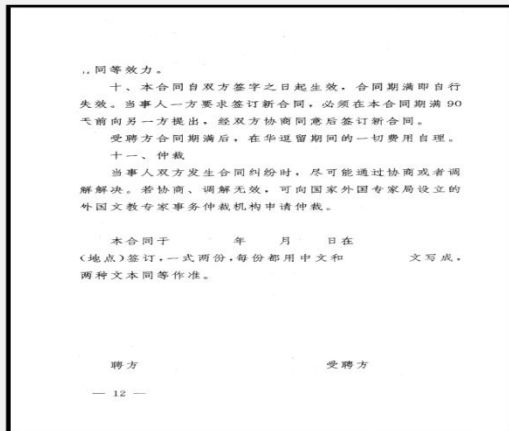
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- **Example 2** : Suppose that you are in China. You need to buy one million SR goods.



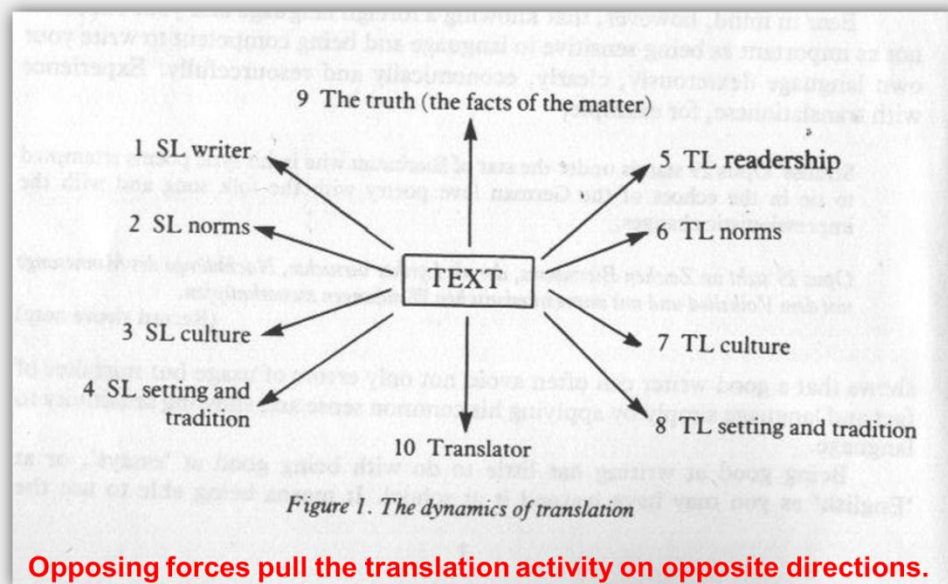
The Chinese Company gave you a contract written in Chinese and asked you to sign it?

**have a look at the contract , please ...**



*You need a person who totally knows the two languages (Chinese and Arabic) to transfer the meaning of this contract to you.*

**Translator**



(Newmark :1988)

SL = Source Language  
TL = Target Language



## What does "translation " mean

### THE TERM "TRANSLATION" CAN REFER TO :

- the general subject field
  - the product ( the text that had been translated)
  - the process ( the act of producing the translation)
- (munday:2008)

## Many authors tried to define "translation"

- "Rendering the meaning of text into another language in the way that the author intended the text".

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- translation is the general term referring to the transfer of thoughts and ideas from one language (source) to another (target), whether the languages are in written or oral form : whether the languages have established orthographies or do not have such standardization or whether one or both language is based on signs, as with sign languages of the deaf.

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- Translation is often regarded as a project for transferring meaning from one language to another.

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## All the previous mentioned definitions of the term "translation" talk about two key words:

- **Transfer**(interlingual communication)
- **meaning** (denotative and connotative)

## Related basic Definitions

### TEXT :

- Any given stretch of speech or writing assumed to make **coherent** whole.

(Dickins: 2002)

**SO ..**

a text maybe **A SINGLE WORD** like the sign : (قف)

or **THOUSANDS OF PAGES** like : (كتاب تاريخ الرسل والملوك ) which consists of many volumes

**SOURCE TEXT (ST):** the text requiring translation.



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**TARGET TEXT (TT):** The text which is a translation of the ST.

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## Questions:

1. *A certain language system has its own features and norms that people use to..... with each other.*
2. *You need a ..... who totally knows both Chinese and Arabic languages to transfer to you the meaning of a certain contract written in Chinese language .*
3. *According to Newmark, SL writer and TL readership are two components of the .....*
4. *SL and TL stand for : ..... and .....*
5. *“ Rendering the meaning of a text into another language in the way that the author intended the text.” This is the definition of "....." according to Newmark.*



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## Translation Studies and Samples of Text Types

### Translation Studies

Translation studies is now understood to refer to the academic discipline concerned with the study of translation at large, including literary and non-literary translation, various forms of oral interpreting as well as dubbing and subtitling.

(Baker, M. (ed.) 1998/2008)

*So, what is the relation between the Translation Studies and Text Types?*

### James Holmes's Map

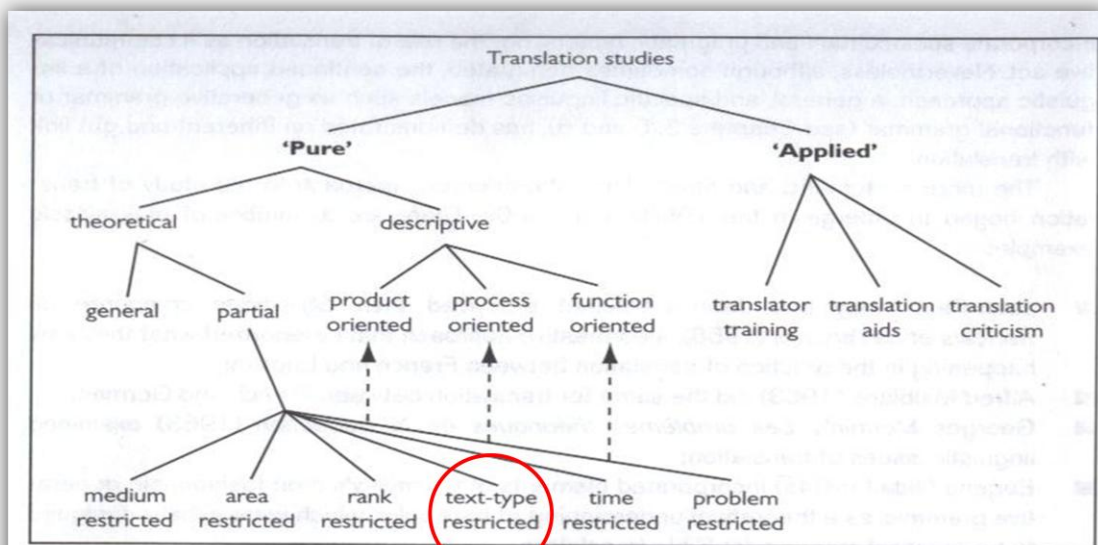


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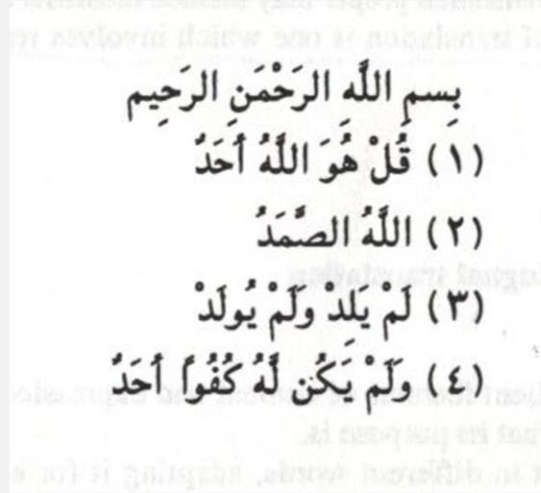
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### Text Type

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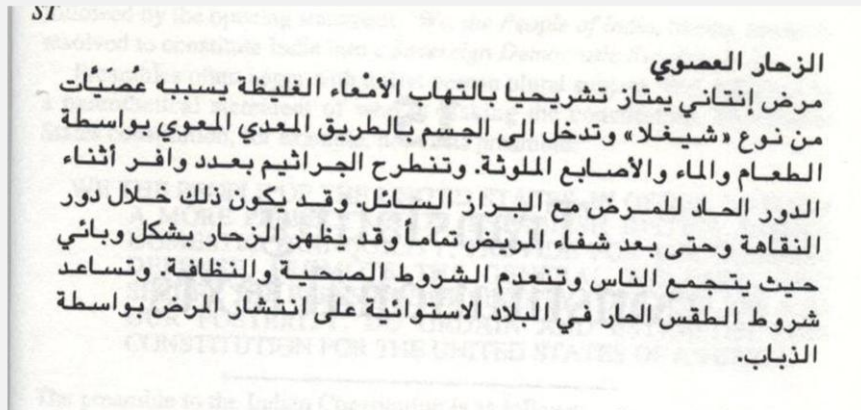


TEXT 2 :

#### **Dear Valued Customer**

In order to make your online banking experience more secure, we have improved the username and password rules. If you are facing difficulties logging into our internet and mobile banking, then perhaps your user name and password does not comply to the rules that we have applied. In such a case please contact the call center **920003344** to reset your Al Mubasher access. This would require you to register for online banking again by accessing the following link <https://www.almubasher.com.sa/registration/> and comply to the username and password rules that are mentioned below.

TEXT 3:

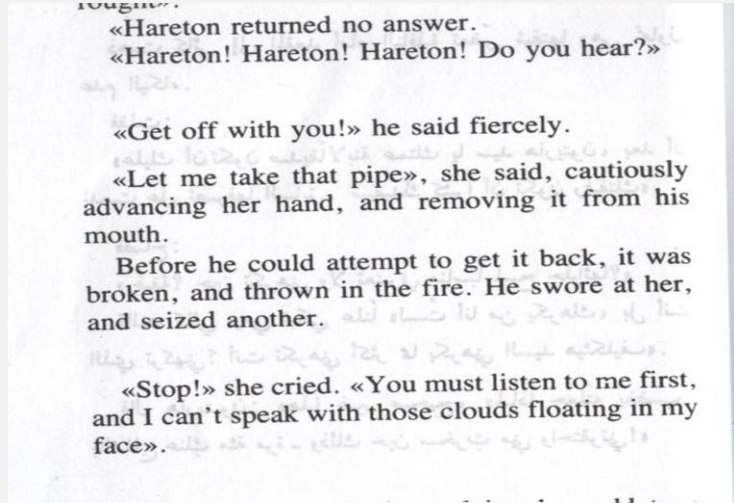


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TEXT 4:



TEXT 5:

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم  
والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله الهادي الأمين وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين .  
أيها الإخوة الكرام في مشارق الأرض ومغاربها .  
السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته :  
أهنئكم بعيد الفطر المبارك وبصيام وقيام الشهر الفضيل، وأخاطبكم من رحاب البلد الحرام ومهد رسالة الإسلام، وقبلية  
المسلمين التي انطلق منها نور الهداية الربانية ليضيء للبشرية طريق الخير والسلام، لتشكل حضارته أهم روافد التحضر  
الإنساني والإبداع البشري، ولا غاية لهذا الخير الذي أجراه الله تعالى على يد معلم البشرية وهاديها نبينا محمد صلى الله  
عليه وسلم سوى إخراج العالم من غياهب الظلام والاستبداد والجهالة إلى نور الحق والمساواة والعدالة، مع رفع راية  
التسامح والتعايش والحكمة والرشد، والدعوة إلى كلمة سواء تخرج بها البشرية من ظلمات جهلها وشحناتها وتناحرها  
إلى نور ربها الهادي إلى سواء الصراط.

من خطاب لخادم الحرمين الشريفين الملك عبدالله بن عبدالعزيز آل سعود





TEXT 6:

She dwelt among the untrodden ways  
Beside the springs of Dove,  
A Maid whom there were none to praise  
And very few to love:

A violet by a mossy stone  
Half hidden from the eye!  
—Fair as a star, when only one  
Is shining in the sky.

She lived unknown, and few could know  
When Lucy ceased to be;  
But she is in her grave, and, oh,  
The difference to me!

William Wordsworth

TEXT 7:

### الملخص

هدف هذا البحث إلى تعرّف إلى أهم مهارات التعبير الفني في التربية الفنية المناسبة لطلاب الصف السادس الابتدائي، وإعداد برنامج حاسوبي مقترح في التربية الفنية لتنمية مهارات التعبير الفني لدى طلاب الصف السادس الابتدائي، وتعرّف أثر استخدام البرنامج الحاسوبي المقترح في التربية الفنية على تنمية مهارات التعبير الفني لدى طلاب الصف السادس الابتدائي.

واتبع البحث المنهج التجريبي، على عينة من طلاب الصف السادس الابتدائي بلغ عددهم (٣٨) طالباً، تم تقسيمهم إلى مجموعتين: المجموعة التجريبية درست باستخدام البرنامج الحاسوبي وعددها (١٩) طالباً، بينما المجموعة الضابطة درست بالطريقة المعتادة وعددها (١٩) طالباً، وتم تطبيق التجربة وفق برنامج حاسوبي مقترح من إعداد الباحث، بعدما تم تحديد مهارات التعبير الفني المناسبة لعينة البحث، وقام الباحث بإعداد مقياس مهارات التعبير الفني.

وأظهرت نتائج البحث بأنه وجدت فروق دالة إحصائية بين المجموعة التجريبية والضابطة في المهارات الست، لصالح المجموعة التجريبية، كان للبرنامج الحاسوبي المقترح فاعلية عالية ناجحة عن أثر كبير في تنمية مهارات التعبير الفني لدى طلاب الصف السادس الابتدائي.



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TEXT 8:

### Small Change

HOPES deferred rather than hopes dashed: that sums up the reaction of the transport lobby to the £1.8 billion in additional funding over the next three years that was announced this week. Representing a 25% increase in comparison with a 25% cut in the last parliament.

The concession is an important breakthrough, for which local authorities have long campaigned. London First, a business pressure group, estimated in a study, published last month, that a non-residential parking tax levied at an average of £750 per parking space in central and outer London could raise £300m per year, enough, for example, to bridge the investment backlog of London's Underground.

From The Economist Jul 16th 1998

TEXT 9:

إن وادي رم ذو الجمال الطبيعي الفاتن يلخص رومانسية الصحراء بأوديتها  
القديمة الشبيهة بسطح القمر والتلال الرملية التي ترتفع فوق الأرض.  
وعلاوة على ذلك فوادي رم يعتبر مسكنا للعديد من القبائل البدوية التي  
تعيش في مخيمات متناثرة في المنطقة.

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## Questions

### Choose the right answer:

1. A short story is an example of a (religious / literary / technical ) text.
2. A religious text is like a (Quran Surah/ poem / short story ).
3. The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques has addressed the nation with a speech which is considered as a ( technical / literary / religious) text.
4. A certain text talking about a certain disease is considered as ( religious / literary / technical ) text.
5. Katharina Reiss views the ( word / sentence / text ) as the level at which communication is achieved and at which equivalence must be sought.



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## Text Types as Seen by Scholars

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### Importance of Text Type

Both translators and those who write about translation have recognized the importance of the relationship between text type and translation process. The first and important step towards a suitable and considerable translation of any text is to identify the typology to which that text belongs. There are several classifications put by several scholars concerning text types.

A translator of any text necessarily needs to know which text type and what nature is that text, in order to be able to adequately produce a suitable target text.

### Text Type Classifications

**THERE ARE SEVERAL CLASSIFICATIONS PUT BY SEVERAL SCHOLARS CONCERNING TEXT TYPES:**



## Basil Hatim & Ian Mason (1990)

Hatim and Mason (1990) classified text types according to their **rhetorical purposes**:

*argumentative, expositive* and *instruction-based*.

They divide instructional texts into two types: instruction without option, and instruction with option. Instruction without option includes texts such as laws. One is required to follow the 'instructions'

(law, for instance); otherwise there may be a punishment.

## Peter Newmark (1988)

Newmark depends on Bühler's functions of language to deal with text types. According to Bühler, there are three language functions:

***Expressive:*** serious imaginative literature, authoritative statements,  
autobiography, essays and personal correspondence

Originator  
writer

***Informative:*** a textbook, a technical report, a scientific paper or agenda of  
a meeting

topic of knowledge

***Vocative:*** notices, publicity, propaganda, persuasive writing and  
advertisements

readership

"Few texts are purely expressive informative or vocative: **most include all three functions, with an emphasis on one of the three**" (Newmark, 1988: 42)



## Katharina Reiss

(1970s)

In the 1970s and depending on Bühler's typology, **Katherina Reiss** classified text types as follows:

***Informative***

***Expressive***

***Operative***

***Audiomedial***

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## Questions

### *Choose the right answer:*

1. All texts are ( different / the same / argumentative).
2. We can distinguish between political and medical texts. (True/ False)
3. Advertisements and scientific papers (don't / always / usually ) show similarities.
4. The first step to suitably translate a text is to :  
( determine the long and short sentences / identify the text type / recognize the title)
5. Hatim and Mason classified text types according to their ( rhetorical purposes / length of paragraphs / language functions)
6. Hatim and Mason classified text types into three major categories. One of them is:  
( appellative / vocative / argumentative )
7. According to Newmark, serious imaginative literature is a text type which is:  
( expressive / vocative / informative)
8. The core of an expressive text type is:  
( the topic / the readership / the writer )



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In the 1970s and depending on Bühler's three-way categorization of the functions of language, **Katharina Reiss** links the three functions to their corresponding language dimensions and to the text types or communicative situations in which they are used:

***Informative***

***Expressive***

***Operative***

***Audiomedial***



## INFORMATIVE

(1) 'Plain communication of facts': information, knowledge, opinions, etc. The language dimension used to transmit the information is logical or referential, the content or 'topic' is the main focus of the communication, and the text type is **informative**.

## EXPRESSIVE

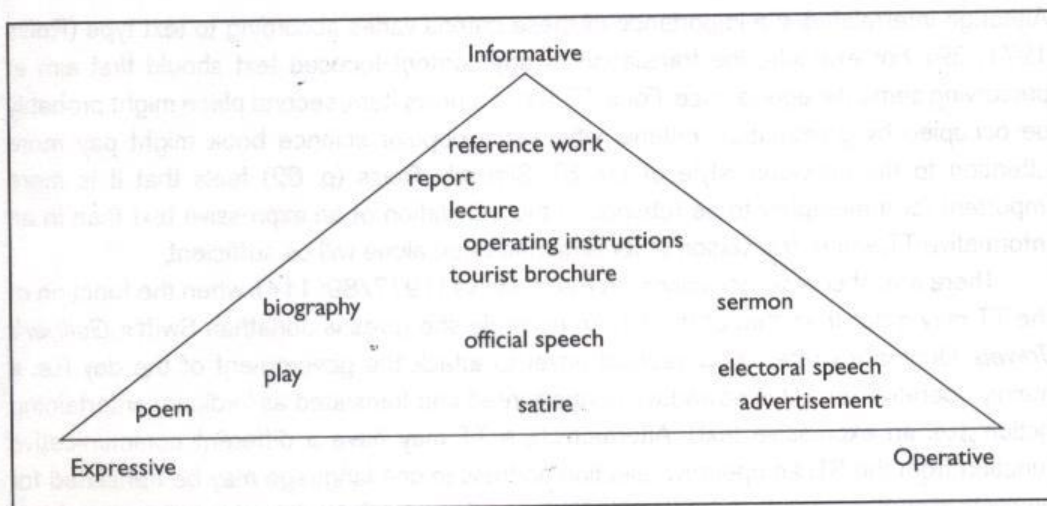
(2) 'Creative composition': the author uses the aesthetic dimension of language. The author or 'sender' is foregrounded, as well as the form of the message, and the text type is **expressive**.

## OPERATIVE

(3) 'Inducing behavioral responses': the aim of the appellative function is to appeal to or persuade the reader or 'receiver' of the text to act in a certain way. The form of language is dialogic, the focus is appellative and Reiss calls this text type **operative**.

## AUDIOMEDIAL TEXTS

such as films and visual and spoken advertisements which supplement the other three functions with visual images, music, etc.

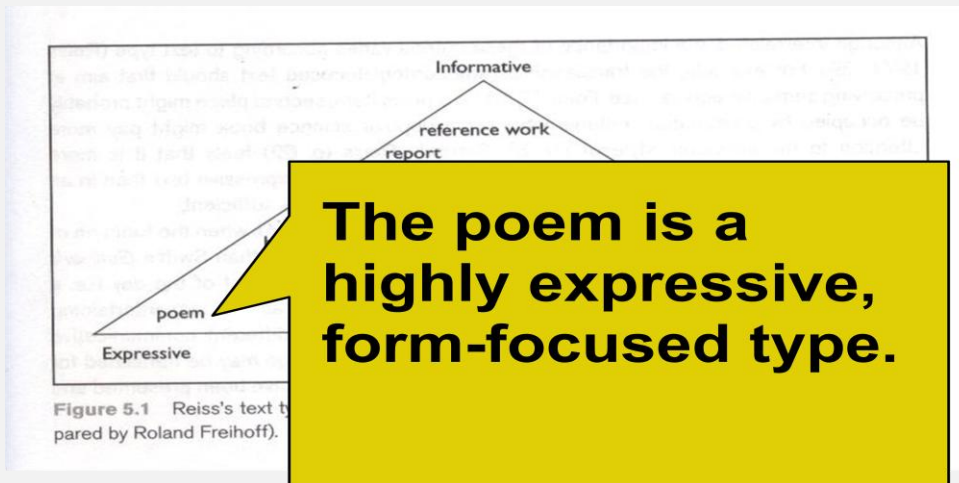
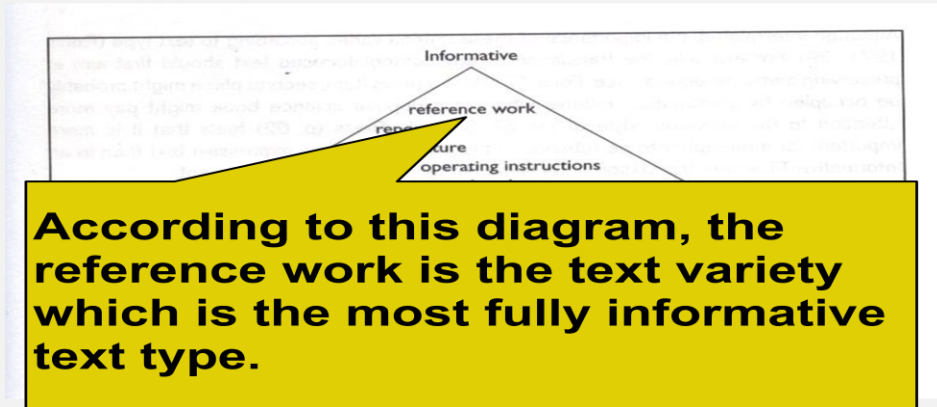


**Figure 5.1** Reiss's text types and text varieties (Chesterman 1989: 105, based on a handout prepared by Roland Freihoff).



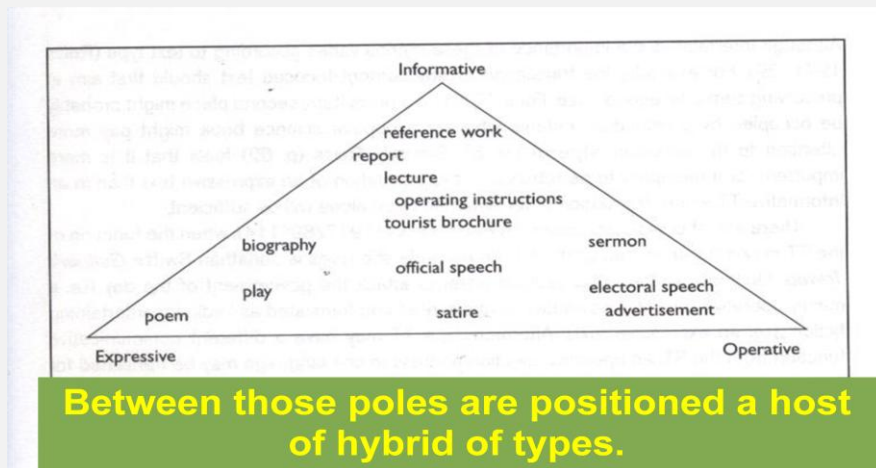
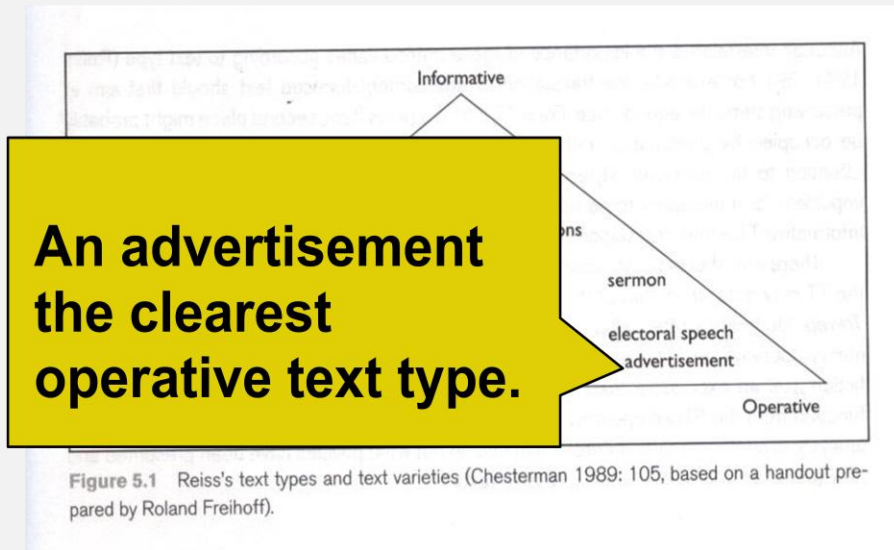
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## Reiss (1971) Text types

Functional characteristics of text types and links to translation methods (adapted from Reiss 1971)

Text type	Informative	Expressive	Operative
Language function	Informative (representing objects and facts)	Expressive (expressing sender's attitude)	Appellative (making an appeal to text receiver)
Language dimension	Logical	Aesthetic	Dialogic
Text focus	Content-focused	Form-focused	Appellative-focused
TT should	Transmit referential content	Transmit aesthetic form	Elicit desired response
Translation method	'Plain prose', explicitation as required	'Identifying' method, adopt perspective of ST author	'Adaptive', equivalent effect

### Suitable Translation Methods

- 1) The TT of an **informative text** should transmit the full referential or conceptual content of the ST. The translation should be in **plain prose**, without redundancy and with the use of explicitation when required.
- 2) The TT of an **expressive text** should transmit the aesthetic and artistic form of the ST. The translation should use the **identifying method**, with the translator adopting the standpoint of the ST author.
- 3) The TT of an **operative text** should produce the desired response in the target text receiver. The translation should employ the **adaptive method** creating an equivalent effect among TT readers.
- 4) **Audio-medial texts** require what Reiss calls the **supplementary method**, supplementing written words with visual images and music.





## Questions

1. According to Reiss, in an informative text type the.....is the main focus of the communication.
  - a) dimension
  - b) content
  - c) communication
  - d) text type
  
2. According to Reiss, in an informative text type the language dimension used to transmit the information is .....

  - a) logical
  - b) theoretical
  - c) communicative
  - d) numerical



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## Text Type and Genre

James Dickins  
Sandor Hervey  
Ian Higgins  
(2002)

The term “text type” is often used in a similar sense of “genre”.

Dickins, Hervey and Higgins opted for using the term “genre” instead of “text type”

### Genre

Dickins, Hervey and Higgins distinguished five broad categories of “genre” :

*Literary*  
*Religious*  
*Philosophical*  
*Empirical*  
*Persuasive*

### Literary Genres:

poetry, fiction and drama



## FEATURES OF TEXTS IN THIS CATEGORY:

these texts concern a world autonomously but not controlled by the physical world outside

they contain features of “expression” which create features of “content”.

### Religious Genres:

#### **Features of Texts in This Category:**

- these texts imply the existence of a religious world that is not fictive, but has its own realities and truths. **So the author is not free** to create the world that animates the subject matter but to be merely instrumental in exploring it.

### Philosophical Genres:

#### **Features of Texts in This Category:**

- These texts have a “world” of ideas.
- Pure mathematics is the best example of philosophical genres.

### Empirical Genres:

#### **Features of Texts in This Category:**

- These texts purports to deal with the real world as it is experienced by observers.
- They are more or less informative, and it is understood to take an objective view of observable phenomena.
- Examples: scientific and technological

### Persuasive Genres:

#### **Features of Texts in This Category:**

- These texts aim at getting listeners or readers to behave in prescribed or suggested ways, that is: getting an audience to take a certain course of action, and perhaps explaining how to take it.
- Examples: instruction manuals, laws, rules and regulations, propaganda leaflets, newspaper opinion columns and editorials, and advertisements.



## *Before Beginning to Translate a Text*

Before you begin translating any text, you need to ask yourself the following important questions:

- What is the message content of this particular ST?
- What are its salient linguistic features?
- What are its principal effects?
- What genre does it belong to and what audience is it aimed at?
- What are the functions and intended audience of my translation?

These questions are **strategic decisions** which are the first set of reasoned decisions taken by the translator before starting the translation in detail.

## DECISIONS OF DETAIL:

Reasoned decisions concerning the specific problems of grammar, vocabulary encountered in translating particular expressions in their

particular context.

## Questions

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- a) religious
- b) empirical
- c) literary
- d) persuasive

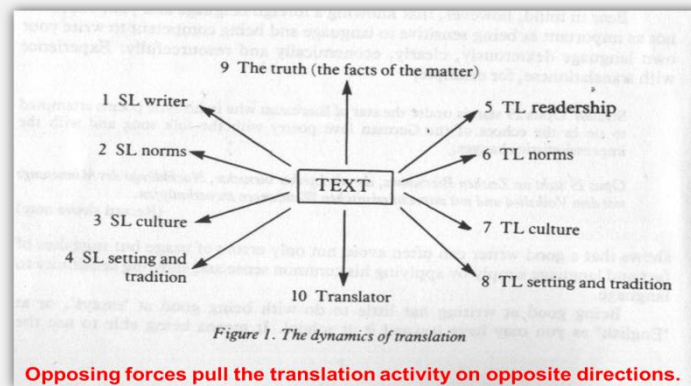
2. **With regard to religious genre, the author ..... to create the world that animates the subject matter but to be merely instrumental in exploring it.**

- a) totally free
- b) partially free
- c) not free
- d) all mentioned



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## General Revision



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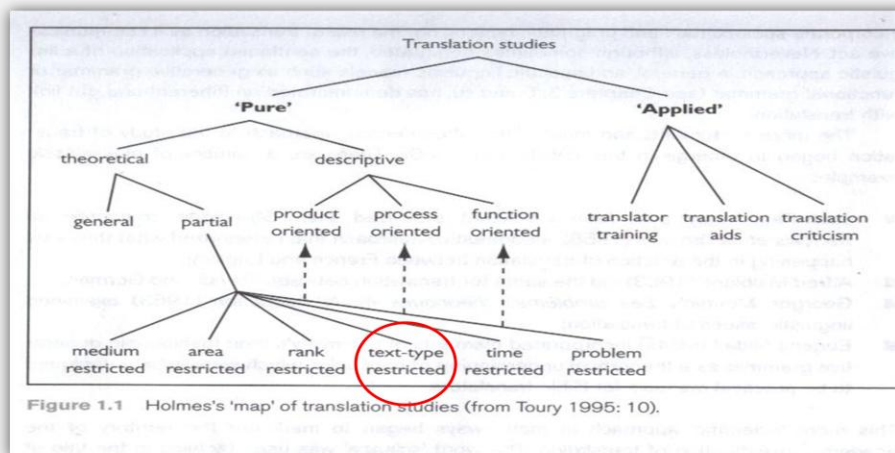


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## Text Type Classifications

Hatim and Mason (1990) classified text types according to their **rhetorical purposes**:

***argumentative, expositive and instruction-based.***

They divide instructional texts into two types: instruction without option, and instruction with option. Instruction without option includes texts such as laws. One is required to follow the 'instructions'

(law, for instance); otherwise there may be a punishment.



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## Text Type Classifications

Newmark depends on Bühler's functions of language to deal with text types. According to Bühler, there are three language functions:

**Expressive:** serious imaginative literature, authoritative statements, autobiography, essays and personal correspondence

Originator  
writer

**Informative:** a textbook, a technical report, a scientific paper or agenda of a meeting

topic of knowledge

**Vocative:** notices, publicity, propaganda, persuasive writing and advertisements

readership

" Few texts are purely expressive informative or vocative: **most include all three functions, with an emphasis on one of the three**" ( Newmark,1988: 42)



## Reiss (1971) Text types

Functional characteristics of text types and links to translation methods (adapted from Reiss 1971)

Text type	Informative	Expressive	Operative
Language function	Informative (representing objects and facts)	Expressive (expressing sender's attitude)	Appellative (making an appeal to text receiver)
Language dimension	Logical	Aesthetic	Dialogic
Text focus	Content-focused	Form-focused	Appellative-focused
TT should	Transmit referential content	Transmit aesthetic form	Elicit desired response
Translation method	'Plain prose', explicitation as required	'Identifying' method, adopt perspective of ST author	'Adaptive', equivalent effect

## Text Type and Genre

The term "text type" is often used in a similar sense of "genre".

Dickins, Hervey and Higgins opted for using the term "genre" instead of "text type"



## Genre

Dickins, Hervey and Higgins distinguished five broad categories of “genre” :

- Literary*
- Religious*
- Philosophical*
- Empirical*
- Persuasive*

## Before Beginning to Translate a Text

Before you begin translating any text, you need to ask yourself the following important questions:

- What is the message content of this particular ST?
- What are its salient linguistic features?
- What are its principal effects?
- What genre does it belong to and what audience is it aimed at?
- What are the functions and intended audience of my translation?



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## Practical Translation 1

### Practical 1

In light of the theoretical background outlined before, discuss the strategic decisions that you have to take before starting detailed translation of the following text then translate it into English:

أن ترى واحدا يجري في منية النصر فذلك حادث .. وكأنه صوت  
السرينة في عربة بوليس النجدة فلا بد أن وراء جريه أمراً مثيراً .  
وما أجمل أن يحدث في البلدة الهادئة البطيئة امر مثير !  
وفي يوم الجمعة ذاك لم يكن واحد فقط هو الذي يجري في منية  
النصر ، الواقع أنه كانت هناك حركة جري واسعة النطاق . ولم يكن  
أحد يعرف السبب .. فالشوارع والأزقة تسبح في هدونها الأيدي  
وينتابها ذلك الركود الذي يستتب في العادة بعد صلاة الجمعة ، حيث  
ترش أرضها بماء الغسيل المختلط بالرغوة والزهرة ورائحة الصابون  
الرخيص ، وحيث النسوة في الداخل مشغولات باعداد الغداء والرجال  
في الخارج يتسكعون ويتصعلكون الى أن ينتهي اعداد الغداء ..

.. واذا

بهذا الهدوء كله يتعكر بسيقان ضخمة غليظة تجري وتهز البيوت ،  
ويمر الجاري بجماعة جالسة أمام بيت فلا ينسى وهو يجري أن يلقي  
السلام ، ويرد الجالسون سلامه ويحاولون سؤاله عن سبب الجري  
ولكنه يكون قد نفذ . حينئذ يقفون ويحاولون معرفة السبب وطبعاً لا  
يستطيعون ، وحينئذ يدفعهم حب الاستطلاع الى المشي ثم يقترح  
أحدهم الإسراع فيسرعون ويجدون أنفسهم آخر الأمر يجرون ، ولا  
ينسون أن يلقوا السلام على جماعات الجالسين فتقف الجماعات ولا  
تلبث أن تجد نفسها تجري هي الأخرى.



### According to scholars we referred to before what sort of text is this?

**Basil Hatim & Ian Mason (1990):** argumentative, expositive and instruction-based.

**Peter Newmark(1988) :** Expressive, Informative, Vocative.

**Katharina Reiss(1970s) :** Informative, Expressive , Operative, Audiomedial.

**James Dickins,Sandor Hervey and Ian Higgins (2002) :**

Literary, Religious Philosophical, Empirical, Persuasive

### **BEFORE YOU BEGIN TRANSLATING ANY TEXT, YOU NEED TO ASK YOURSELF THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:**

- **What is the message content of this particular ST?**

*This part of text is taken from a short story which mainly aims at entertainment and humor.*

- **What are its salient linguistic features?**

*There are various kinds of word-play, metaphors of water, narrative, repetition*

- **What genre does it belong to and what audience is it aimed at?**

*Literary genre*

- **What are the functions and intended audience of my translation?**

*entertainment and humor / general audience: educated and non-educated*

*How to (translate) deal with names of people? places? things? figures of speech?*

*Discuss the presence of the translator!*

*The setting of the text is in Egypt.*

*Using Google!*



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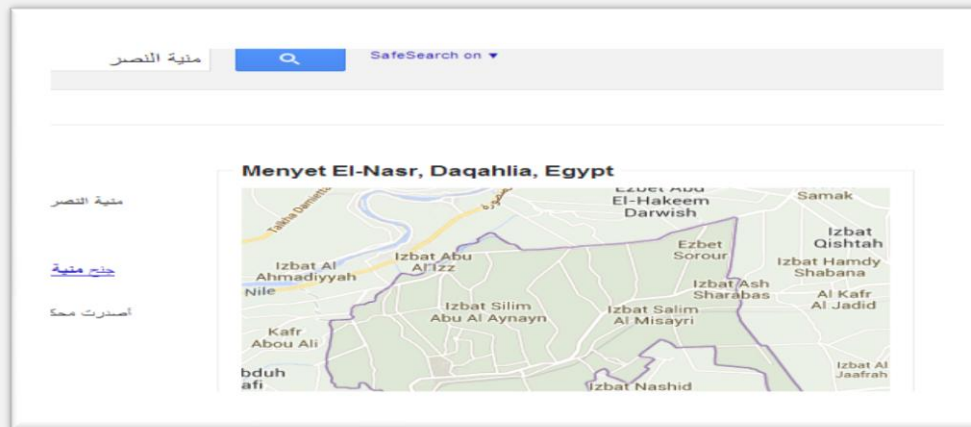
### Translation of the text into English:

أن ترى واحدا يجري في منية النصر فذلك حادث .. وكأنه صوت

Grammatically this أن-clause is nominal. That is to say, the first clause means something like 'The fact that you see someone running in Munityat El Nasr'. This English formulation gives a slightly different emphasis from the ST: in the ST, the 'incident' is the seeing of someone running. An idiomatic way of conveying this focus is to use an if-clause, as in our TT, although, grammatically, it is still the seeing that is the event. A more coherent alternative would be something like 'Seeing someone running in Munityat El Nasr is a most unusual experience'; but this entails a wholesale switch of focus from the runner to the watcher – probably a greater loss than the slight change of emphasis in our TT.

أن ترى واحدا يجري في منية النصر فذلك حادث .. وكأنه صوت  
السرينة في عربة بوليس النجدة فلا بد أن وراء جريه أمراً مثيراً .  
وما أجمل أن يحدث في البلدة الهادئة البطيئة امر مثير !

If you see someone running in Munityat El Nasr, that's an event. Just as when you hear a police siren, you feel there must be something exciting behind it. And how wonderful it is when something exciting ripples the calm of this quiet, slow village.





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السرينة في قرية بوليس النجدة فلا بد أن وراء جريه أمراً مثيراً .

'Police rescue-car' is unidiomatic in English. 'Police-car siren' would be possible, but 'police siren' seems the most common usage.

If you see someone running in Munyat El Nasr, that's an event. Just as when you hear a police siren, you feel there must be something exciting behind it. And how wonderful it is when something exciting ripples the calm of this quiet, slow village.

وفي يوم الجمعة ذاك لم يكن واحد فقط هو الذي يجري في منية  
النصر ، الواقع أنه كانت هناك حركة جري واسعة النطاق. ولم يكن  
أحد يعرف السبب ..

That Friday, there wasn't just one person running in Munyat El Nasr - there was a mass of movement of runners, and nobody knew why.

فالشوارع والأزقة تسبح في هدونها الأبدية  
وينتابها ذلك الركود الذي يستتب في العادة بعد صلاة الجمعة ، حيث  
ترش أرضها بماء الغسيل المختلط بالرغوة والزهرة ورائحة الصابون  
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في الخارج يتسكعون ويتصعلكون الى أن ينتهي اعداد الغداء ..

The streets and alleys were floating with their perpetual calm, and that stagnation which generally sets in following the Friday prayer, when the ground is sprayed with foamy bluish washing water scented with cheap soap, and when women inside busy themselves preparing lunch, while the men loaf around outside until the food is finally ready.





وإذا

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ولكنه يكون قد نفذ .

Suddenly, this calm was distributed by a pair of huge, burly legs running along and shaking the houses. As the runner passed a group of men sitting in front of a house, he did not forget to run and greet them. The men returned his greeting, and tried to ask him why he was running; but by that time he had shot past.

حينئذ يقفون ويحاولون معرفة السبب وطبعاً لا  
يستطيعون ، وحينئذ يدفعهم حب الاستطلاع الى المشي ثم يقترح  
أحدهم الإسراع فيسرعون ويجدون أنفسهم آخر الأمر يجرون ، ولا  
ينسون أن يلقوا السلام على جماعات الجالسين فتقف الجماعات ولا  
تلبث أن تجد نفسها تجري هي الأخرى.

So they stood up to try and find out why, but of course to no avail; then their curiosity got the better of them, and they began to walk; then one of them suggested that they go a little quicker. Finally, they found themselves running, but they did not forget to greet other groups of sitters, who themselves stood up and before long found they too were running.



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حينئذ يقفون ويحاولون معرفة السبب وطبعاً لا يستطيعون ، وحينئذ يدفعهم حب الاستطلاع الى المشي ثم يقترح أحدهم الإسراع فيسرعون ويجدون أنفسهم آخر الأمر يجرون ، ولا ينسون أن يلقوا السلام على جماعات الجالسين فتقف الجماعات ولا تلبث أن تجد نفسها تجري هي الأخرى.

So they stood up to try and find out why, but of course to no avail; then their curiosity got the better of them, and they began

### get the better of somebody

if a feeling gets the better of you, it becomes too strong to control *Finally curiosity got the better of her and she opened the letter. Try to remain calm - don't let your anger get the better of you.*

See also: [better](#), [get](#)

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## Practical Translation 2

### Practical 2

In light of the theoretical background outlined before, discuss the strategic decisions that you have to take before starting detailed translation of the following text then translate it into English. The translation will be presented to educated people.

### Small Change

HOPES deferred rather than hopes dashed: that sums up the reaction of the transport lobby to the **£1.8 billion** in additional funding over the next three years that was announced this week. Representing a **25%** increase in comparison with a **25%** cut in the last parliament under the Tories, it represents a clear shift in priorities. But given the problems noted by the chancellor in **Britain's "overcrowded, under-financed, under-planned and under-maintained transport system"**, the additional spending is relatively small. Public transport does not come cheap—a single light rail scheme can easily swallow up **several hundred million pounds**.

The public spending statement, so far as transport was concerned, was a case of a dog that didn't bark. Before the chancellor got up, officials in the transport department had been told by Treasury colleagues that he would announce that in future local authorities would be allowed to spend revenues raised by urban congestion charges and taxes on non-residential parking. The odd silence on this point has led to speculation about last minute Downing Street intervention. But sources close to the deputy prime minister, John Prescott, insist that an announcement on road charges and parking taxes is imminent. The formal retreat from the Treasury's long-sustained opposition to earmarking tax revenue is now expected in the transport white paper to be published on July 20th.

The concession is an important breakthrough, for which local authorities have long campaigned. London First, a business pressure group, estimated in a study, published last month, that a non-residential parking tax levied at an average of **£750** per parking space in central and outer London could raise **£300m** per year, enough, for example, to bridge the investment backlog of London's Underground.



Nothing, however, will happen quickly. When **the transport minister, Gavin Strang**, said recently that “high earning car owners need have no fear from next month's white paper”, he was off-message but almost certainly correct. Both road pricing and non-residential parking taxes require primary legislation. But a major **transport bill** appears to have been ruled out for the next session of Parliament. All that is now being promised is a bill setting up a **new Rail Authority**. Even this will take at least 18 months before it is established. And even when it is, there are questions whether it will have the powers and funding necessary to have much influence on the poor performance of many of the train operating companies.

The central thrust of the transport white paper will stress the need for regional initiatives to solve Britain's transport problems. Part of the increased funding announced this week will be used to pay for 150 local plans aimed at restraining car traffic by making bus travel more attractive, and improving facilities for cyclists.

**From The Economist Jul 16th 1998 | [printed edition](#)**

**Link to the article**

<http://www.economist.com/node/144363>

- The target country assumed of this translation is Saudi Arabia. The currency used in Saudi Arabia is Saudi Riyal.
- This is a newspaper article which is, in terms of text typology, mainly informative and, to some extent, expressive.

When the writer talks about figures (£1.8 billion), rates (£750 per parking), percentages (25% cut) facts and names, he informs the reader with these facts.

(Informative)

- Through his commentary on these facts, the writer expresses his opinion e.g. “ *public transport does not come cheap: a single light rail scheme can easily swallow up several hundred million pounds*”. “ *... a case of a dog that didn't park.*” and the title itself ( *Small Change* ).

- Assuming that this translation is going to be presented to (educated generalist), and because the text contains specific cultural expressions and words related to Britain, it's essential to opt for **exoticism with its maximum presence of translator**.

Actually, the financial system expressions and words in Britain are different from those in Saudi Arabia. So some expressions will be replaced by the most suitable equivalents in the Saudi system.



Maximum presence of the translator is seen primarily in newspaper articles where additional information is systematically provided throughout the main body of the text.

- Through his opinion e.g. "rail scheme ... a case of Change".  
- Assuming the (educated general public) cultural expressions and related to Britain, it's essential to opt for **exoticism with its maximum presence of translator**.  
Actually, the financial system expressions and words in Britain are different from those in Saudi Arabia. So some expressions will be replaced by the most suitable equivalents in the Saudi system.

- the problem ..... wordplay
- parameters : functions of the ST and the TT  
function of the pun

This word may have two meanings :the first one is ( the 25% increase which is a slight change ) meaning the amount of money ,1.8 billion, is relatively like a small change as far as the huge budget of the government is concerned while the second is (coins with low value).

- equivalence : تغير بسيط
- back translation: simple change

**- £ 1.8 BILLION + - £750 + SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION POUNDS + -£ 300M**

- problem ..... currency
- It's important to know how the amounts of money the text contains are going to be used.
- parameters : target country ( Saudi Arabia), exchange rate :  
The exchange rate at that time , time reference : 18 July 1998  
and typographical conventions.
- procedure: cultural substitution

## **SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION POUNDS**

The word ( several) in "several million hundred pounds" will simply be omitted because in Arabic hundred cannot be qualified with words like many or several. It is translated as مئات الملايين  
back translation: hundred millions of Riyals.

## **£ 1.8 BILLION**

- equivalence : ١,٨ مليار جنيه إسترليني ( ما يعادلها في ذلك الوقت من الريال السعودي )
- back translation: 1.8 billion sterling pound( )



**-£ 300M** : In Arabic, the numbers are transcribed in letters and the abbreviation "m" is replaced by the word million.

- equivalence: ثلاثمائة مليون جنيه إسترليني (ما يعادلها في ذلك الوقت من الريال السعودي)
- back translation: 300 million sterling pounds

### **- £750**

- equivalence:  
750 جنيه إسترليني (ما يعادلها في ذلك الوقت من الريال السعودي)
- back translation: 750 sterling pound

### **- the chancellor + treasury**

- problem ..... cultural reference
- parameters : text functions, cultural coherence, and readership's knowledge of source culture
- procedure: The two terms mentioned above have specific connotations in the British financial system which appears to be sophisticated when compared to the Saudi system which refers only to the minister and ministry of finance. Both of the terms will be substituted to compensate the loss.
- equivalence : 1. chancellor وزير المالية  
2. Treasury وزارة المالية
- back translation: 1. Minister of Finance  
2. Ministry of Finance

### **- BRITAIN'S " OVERCROWDED, UNDER-FINANCED, UNDER-PLANNED AND UNDER**

### **MAINTAINED TRANSPORT SYSTEM"**

- problem : ( grammatical equivalence ) This relates to morphological and syntactic difference between English and Arabic.
- parameters : Compound words are translated into Arabic as an adjective and a noun. The rules of combination and word order of the target language should be taken into consideration.
- procedure: substitution
- equivalence نظام النقل البريطاني شديد الازدحام وقليل التمويل والتخطيط و الصيانة
- back translation: the British transport system which is overcrowded and lacks for finance, planning and maintenance.



## - URBAN CONGESTION CHARGES AND TAXES ON NON RESIDENTIAL PARKING +

### - ROAD CHARGES AND PARKING TAXES

- problem : (cultural reference )This system is not used in Saudi Arabia because parking is free depending on the fact that there is no congestion made by traffic which may lead to a legislation with regard to this issue.
- The parameters I used are: functions of the ST and the TT, readership's knowledge of the source culture.
- procedure: The concept itself does not exist . The aim here is to render the meaning not the concept. Literal translation and definition are used.
- equivalence: -رسوم الاختناقات المرورية و الضرائب المفروضة على الزوار لاستخدام المواقف غير السكنية للسيارات . back translation: fees imposed at the time of traffic junk and taxes imposed on visitors for using non residential parks.

The equivalent of " road charges and parking taxes" is رسوم استخدام الطرق و المواقف

back-translated as : fees for using roads and parking

### - DOWNING STREET

- problem : ( cultural reference ) This is a name of a place which is related to the British government headquarter.
- parameters: cultural coherence, and readership's knowledge of source culture.
- procedure: This word is to be rendered by definition.
- equivalence مقر الحكومة البريطانية
- back translation: the British Government headquarters

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT LECTURE



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## Practical Translation 3 The Rest of Practical 2

- deputy prime minister, John Prescott + the transport minister, Gavin Strang

problem : ( cultural reference )

- The parameters are: text functions, cultural coherence, and readership's knowledge of source culture

- procedures: calque and cultural borrowing ( transliterating ) because both concepts exist in both

British and Saudi system .When writing these names in Arabic letters, attention must be paid to the sound rules in the target language: the "p" sound will be written "ب"---- " b " ,the "v" will be replaced by "ف"---- "f" ,

and the "g" will be rendered as "ج".

- equivalence نائب رئيس الوزراء جون بريسكوت

وزير النقل جيفن سترانغ

- back translation: the deputy prime minister John Precostt

the transport minister Gavin Strang





### - transport white paper + transport bill

- problem : ( cultural reference ) This expression " white paper" is an idiom which exists in the British system not in the Saudi.
- parameters : text functions, cultural coherence, and readership's knowledge of source culture.
- procedure: This expression may suitably be translated through compensation.
- equivalence of ( transport white paper) : تقرير تقدمه الحكومة لم يأخذ الصفة الرسمية (مشروع قانون)
- back translation: a law presented by the government which is not officially approved.
- equivalence of ( transport white paper) : تقرير متعلق بالنقل
- back translation: A transport law

### London First

- problem : ( cultural reference)
- parameters : text functions, and readership's knowledge of source culture.
- procedure: Because there is a definition provided after the word in ST, the suitable choice "cultural borrowing "
- equivalence : لندن فيرست
- back translation: London First

### central and outer London

- problem : ( cultural reference)
- parameters : : text functions, cultural coherence, and readership's knowledge of source culture.
- procedure: The name of the city " London" is known and used by Arabs and can be borrowed .The rest of the expression may be literally translated so I opted for combination between cultural borrowing and literal translation.



- equivalence : وسط و ضواحي لندن
- back translation: central and suburban of London

### London Underground

- problem: ( cultural reference ) This means of transport is not available in Saudi Arabia.
- parameters : text functions, cultural coherence, and readership's knowledge of source culture.
- procedure: People in Saudi Arabia heard about that through Egyptian media where "underground" is widely used and named مترو الأنفاق (cultural borrowing and lexical creation).
- equivalence مترو أنفاق لندن
- back translation: London Metro

### new Rail Authority

- problem: cultural reference
- parameters : : text functions, cultural coherence, and readership's knowledge of source culture.
- procedure: I used communicative translation because the word " rail " in English isn't used in Arabic.
- equivalence : مؤسسة تدير خدمة سكة الحديد
- back translation: a corporation for running rail services

### the transport department + local authorities

The problem is that the word department in Saudi Arabia is connected with a part of a college or university and never means ministry . It is translated as " وزارة " back translated as " ministry " .

"Local authorities" : calque translation is used because it is culturally transparent that it exists in both legal systems in Britain and Saudi Arabia.



- equivalence of ( department ) : وزارة
- back translation: ministry
- equivalence of ( local authority ) : السلطات المحلية
- back translation: local authority

### Practical 3

*In light of the theoretical background outlined before, discuss the strategic decisions that you have to take before starting detailed translation of the following text then translate it into English:*

ألقى خادم الحرمين الشريفين الملك عبدالله بن عبدالعزيز آل سعود كلمة بمناسبة حلول عيد الفطر المبارك.

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله الهادي الأمين وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين .

أيها الإخوة الكرام في مشارق الأرض ومغاربها .

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته :

أهنئكم بعيد الفطر المبارك وبصيام وقيام الشهر الفضيل، وأخاطبكم من رحاب البلد الحرام ومهد رسالة الإسلام، وقبله المسلمين التي انطلق منها نور الهداية الربانية ليضيء للبشرية طريق الخير والسلام، لتشكل حضارته أهم روافد التحضر الإنساني والإبداع البشري، ولا غاية لهذا الخير الذي أجراه الله تعالى على يد معلم البشرية وهاديها نبينا محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم سوى إخراج العالم من غياهب الظلام والاستبداد والجهالة إلى نور الحق والمساواة والعدالة، مع رفع راية التسامح والتعايش والحكمة والرشد، والدعوة إلى كلمة سواء تخرج بها البشرية من ظلمات جهلها وشحنائها وتناحرها إلى نور ربها الهادي إلى سواء الصراط .

ألقى خادم الحرمين الشريفين الملك عبدالله بن عبدالعزيز آل سعود كلمة بمناسبة حلول عيد الفطر المبارك.

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques delivered a speech on the occasion of the blessed Eid Al-Fitr.

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله الهادي الأمين وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين .

"In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful"

Prayer and Peace be upon the Messenger of Allah, and upon his family and all his companions.



أيها الإخوة الكرام في مشارق الأرض ومغاربها.  
السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته :

Brothers all over the world.

Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you.

Dear generous brothers in the eastern and western parts of the Earth.

Peace on you and Allah's mercy and blessings.

أهنئكم بعيد الفطر المبارك وبصيام وقيام الشهر الفضيل

**I congratulate you on the blessed Eid Al-Fitr, successful fasting of the month of Ramadan, and performance of its related post-evening prayers.**

وأخاطبكم من رحاب البلد الحرام ومهد رسالة الإسلام، وقبله المسلمين التي انطلق منها نور الهداية الربانية ليضيء للبشرية طريق الخير والسلام، لتشكل حضارته أهم روافد التحضر الإنساني والإبداع البشري

**I herewith address you from the holy premises of this sacred land, the cradle of the mission of Islam and Muslims Kiblah (prayer and call direction) from which the God's faith brightness have shined to show all mankind the way of good and peace and to form the most important tributary to human civilization and innovation,**

ولا غاية لهذا الخير الذي أجراه الله تعالى على يد معلم البشرية وهاديها نبينا محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم سوى إخراج العالم من غياهب الظلام والاستبداد والجهالة إلى نور الحق والمساواة والعدالة، مع رفع راية التسامح والتعايش والحكمة والرشد، والدعوة إلى كلمة سواء تخرج بها البشرية من ظلمات جهلها وشحناتها وتناحرها إلى نور ربها الهادي إلى سواء الصراط .

## Questions

**Read the following text then answer the question that follows:**

ألقى خادم الحرمين الشريفين الملك عبدالله بن عبدالعزيز آل سعود كلمة بمناسبة حلول عيد الفطر المبارك.

The best translation for the given sentence above is:

- The King threw a speech on the Ead occasion.
- The King of Saudi Arabia said a speech.
- The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques delivered a speech on the occasion of the blessed Eid Al-Fitr.



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d) The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques said a speech about Eid Al-Fitr.

2. "I congratulate you on the blessed Eid Al-Fitr, successful fasting of the month of Ramadan, and performance of its related post-evening prayers."

The best translation for this text is:

- a) أهنتكم بعيد الفطر المبارك وبصيام وقيام الشهر الفضيل
- b) أهنتكم بالعيد السعيد
- c) أهنتكم بعيد الفطر المبارك وبصيام شهر رمضان الناجح وقيام الشهر الفضيل خصوصاً الصلوات الليلية
- d) أهنتكم بعيد الفطر المبارك وبصيام شهر رمضان



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## Practical Translation 4 Practical 4

In light of the theoretical background outlined before, discuss the strategic decisions that you have to take before starting detailed translation of the following text then translate it into English:

### Tourist Brochure (Advertisement)

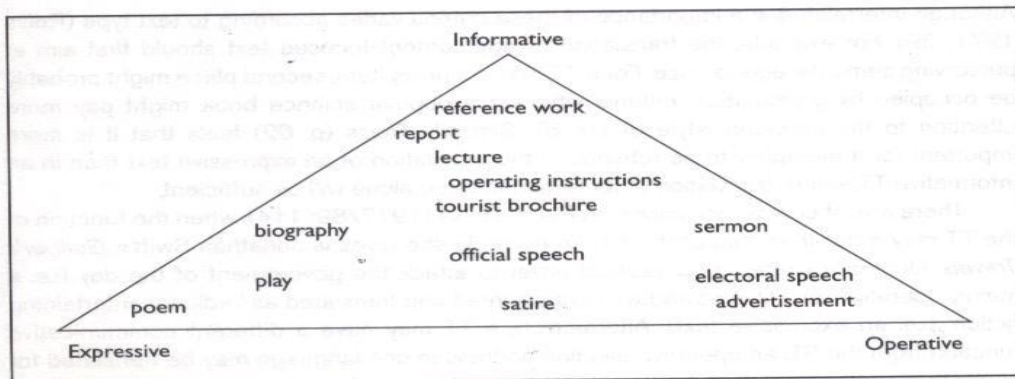


Figure 5.1 Reiss's text types and text varieties (Chesterman 1989: 105, based on a handout prepared by Roland Freihoff).



### ST

Outdoor 'Adventure Tourism' is expanding at a fast rate in Jordan, and promises to remain one of the most dynamic and innovative travel industry sectors for years to come.

### TT

تتوسع سياحة المغامرات والتشويق بسرعة كبيرة في الأردن. وقد بدأت العديد من الشركات الأردنية بالتخصص في سياحة المغامرات، موفرين بذلك مزيجاً من الأمان والمغامرة والتسهيلات المريحة.

The underlined part of the ST is totally omitted from the TT. This is due to the target audience who are not interested so much in adventures in the case of Arab audience so this information is omitted here. The English audience is very interested in adventures so the information is added there.

### ST

Several Jordanian companies have started to specialize in eco-tourism and action tourism, providing the combination of safety, adventure, and comfortable facilities that make action tourism such an exciting proposition today.

### TT

وقد بدأت العديد من الشركات الأردنية بالتخصص في سياحة المغامرات، موفرين بذلك مزيجاً من الأمان والمغامرة والتسهيلات المريحة.



The two underlined parts of the ST are omitted from the TT.

The first part is about "eco-tourism" which means the following:

Ecotourism is travel to fragile, pristine, and usually protected areas that strives to be low impact and small scale. It helps educate the traveler; provides funds for conservation and fosters respect for different culture. This is obviously something that westerners are interested in.

A few people in the Arab world pay attention o that kind of tourism (eco-tourism) for some reasons. So it is no use to attract the target audience to such a kind of tourism.

The second part talks about action tourism in detail which the Arab target audiences are not interested in, so it is omitted from the target text. But the new Arab generation may be attracted to that kind of tourism in the coming years that this information may be added in the coming updates.

### ST

Often referred to as the white city due to its low size canvas of stone houses, Amman offers a variety of historical sites. Towering above Amman, the site of the earliest fortifications is now subject to numerous excavations which have revealed remains from the Neolithic period as well as from the Hellenistic and late Roman to Arab Islamic Ages.

### TT

غالباً ما تسمى بالمدينة البيضاء بسبب مجموعة منازلها الحجرية صغيرة الحجم، تقدم عمان تشكيلة من المواقع التاريخية مثل بالقلعة، والقصر الأموي والكنيسة البيزنطية و المدرج الروماني الذي يضم ٦٠٠٠ مقعد ما زال يستخدم في المناسبات الثقافية





### ST

Jordan has great comparative advantage in this sector, based on several assets: guaranteed sunshine for eight months of the year;

### TT

يمتلك الأردن أفضلية كبيرة في هذا القطاع، تركز على موجودات عديدة: طقس ملائم لمدة ثمانية أشهر في السنة؛

The part that is important here is that of the weather which is changeable in the west in general. People who suffer from this will be attracted by the fact that the weather in Jordan stays sunny for many months without any opportunity for any little rain. So it is guaranteed sunshine for eight months of the year. The Arab audience especially from the very hot Gulf region is fed up with sunny weather and just need suitable weather with suitable degrees of temperature. The skopos is to attract both types of clients in the suitable way depending on the translator's previous knowledge of the weather circumstances in both different regions.

### ST

Jordan has great **comparative** advantage in this sector, based on several assets: guaranteed sunshine for eight months of the year; a base of **powerful**, unique **cultural** attractions such as **Petra**, **Jerash**, **Bethany Beyond the Jordan**, and the early Islamic Desert Castles; and, **a wide range of very different, often stunning natural environments that are easily accessible and virtually undiscovered by the tourism industry.**

### TT

يمتلك الأردن أفضلية كبيرة في هذا القطاع، تركز على موجودات عديدة: طقس ملائم لمدة ثمانية أشهر في السنة؛ ومجموعة من المواقع التاريخية الفريدة مثل البتراء وجرش والقصور الصحراوية فضلاً عن البيئات الطبيعية المتنوعة



Each for a certain reason, all the underlined parts are omitted from the TT as can be noticed in reading the backtranslation. The third one which is "Bethany Beyond the Jordan" is omitted from the TT in the whole translation of the brochures issued by the JTB. Ms Tuhamah was asked about the reason for that omission and if it was for religious reasons and she replied: ' may be'. A full analysis of that omission will be presented later on.

The last part of the above text is managed and some parts of it are omitted. This part is "**a wide range of very different, often stunning natural environments that are easily accessible and virtually undiscovered by the tourism industry**" which is translated as "فضلا عن البيئات الطبيعية المتنوعة" ( in addition to different natural environments). It is just these issues ( different and natural environments) that the Arabic audiences are

interested in while the English audience who have a lot of nature may need a wide range of very different, often stunning natural environments to be attracted to come and visit. Furthermore, as these audiences are interested in adventure and new sites more than normal nature, they may be attracted by sites which are not only natural but are easily accessible and virtually undiscovered by the tourist industry.



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<b>TT</b>	<b>ST</b>
Jerash	جرش
The grandeur of Imperial Rome	مدينة الالف عمود
<b><u>ST backtranslation:</u> Jerash ,the city of a thousand columns</b>	

<b><u>Wadi Rum</u></b>	
<b><u>where you will find adventure</u></b>	
	وادي رم
	المغمورة في أحضان الطبيعة
<b><u>ST backtranslation :</u> Wadi Rum which is surrounded by nature</b>	

You can notice the great change in the TT.

### ST

تتحدى جبال رم هواة التسلق لكي يصعدوا الى ذراها العمودية، أو يسيروا في دروب الوادي ومساربه، ويتوغلوا بعيدا في المراع الفسيحة، أو يقوموا برحلات جماعية على ظهور الجمال.

### **Backtranslation of the ST**

*Today Wadi Rum challenges climbers to scale its sheer granite and sandstone cliffs, to hike along mountain trails and valleys, to trek deep into the enchanting landscape or to join two or three day desert safaris on camel back.*

### TT

Today Wadi Rum challenges climbers to scale its sheer granite and sandstone cliffs, to hike along mountain trails and valleys, to trek deep into the enchanting landscape **in four wheel drive vehicles, or to join tow or three day desert safaris** on camel back **or 4x4 vehicles.**

All the underlined parts of the TT are added to the TT because of the English target audience needs and interests which are different from those of the Arabic.



### ST

إن وادي رم ذو الجمال الطبيعي الفاتن يلخص رومانسية الصحراء بأوديتها القديمة الشبيهة بسطح القمر والتلال الرملية التي ترتفع فوق الأرض. وعلاوة على ذلك فوادي رم يعتبر مسكنا للعديد من القبائل البدوية التي تعيش في مخيمات متناثرة في المنطقة.

### TT

Stunning in its natural beauty, Wadi Rum epitomizes the romance of the desert. With its "moonscape" of ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains rising out of the sand, Wadi Rum is also home to several Bedouin tribes who live in scattered camps throughout the area.

This is a direct translation of the ST as if it was backtranslated into English with a high level of language in both English and Arabic. The TT is very close to the source text.



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## Practical Translation 5

### Translating Poetry

#### Practical 5

#### (Translating Poetry)

English metre is syllable-and-stress metre. The line is defined in terms of feet. A foot is a conventional group of stressed and/or unstressed syllables in a particular order. A line of traditional verse consists of a fixed number of particular feet. For example:

The *curfew tolls/* the *knell/* of *par/ting day/*

This line has five feet; that is, it is a pentameter. In this particular case, the feet have one unstressed followed by one stressed syllable. This is known as an *iamb*, or iambic foot. A line consisting of five iambs is an iambic pentameter. It is the most common English line, found in the work of great playwrights and poets. The commonest other feet are:

*trochee* (adj. *trochaic*):  
*dactyl* (adj. *dactylic*):  
*anapest* (adj. *anapestic*):

*When the/ pie was/ opened/*  
*Merrily/ chatting and/ clattering/*  
*And made ci/der inside/ her inside/*





Most poems do not have a regular beat throughout. This would be intolerably dreary. Even limericks are very rarely exclusively anapestic. The opening lines of Keats's 'To Autumn' (§ 7.1.1) are examples of typical variations on the basic iambic pentameter. These lines still count as iambic pentameters, because they do have five feet, they are predominantly iambic, and the rest of the poem has these qualities.

One other sort of English metre is worth mentioning, strong-stress metre. This is different from syllable-and-stress metre, in that only the stresses count in describing the line, the number of weak syllables being variable. Much modern verse uses this metre, often in combination with syllable-and-stress metre.

Like the English metrical line, the line in Arabic is defined in terms of feet. However, while English metre involves both syllable and stress, Arabic metre is based entirely around syllable-type. The basic distinction is between short syllables (consonant + short vowel) and long syllables (consonant + long vowel, *or* consonant + short vowel + consonant). All Arabic syllables are treated as beginning with a consonant. Accordingly, there is no ambiguity about where one syllable ends and another begins. Thus in the word *دم*, the first syllable is *da* and the second syllable is *mun*. Vowels at the end of the hemistich or line are always scanned long, irrespective of their quantity in prose.

Feet consist of varying numbers of syllables (most commonly three or four syllables), combinations of these feet making up a particular metre. A large number of metres are recognized in classical Arabic poetry. Compositions are normally in a single metre. However, the fact that metres permit a degree of variation in the syllable types used to constitute their feet means that there is normally a degree of rhythmic variation within an individual composition. In some metres, double short syllables within one line typically alternate with one long syllable in other line, while in others a long syllable in one line alternates with a short syllable in another.

Most classical poems are of the *قصيدة* form, a *قصيدة* having a variable number of lines (بيت, pl. أبيات), normally not more than one hundred. Lines can have up to thirty syllables divided into two hemistichs (مصرع or شطر). The first half of the line is called the صدر 'chest' (also الشطر الاول 'the first half'), and the second the عجز 'rump' (also الشطر الثاني 'the second half'). These are separated by a gap in the text which is somewhat longer than that which standardly occurs between words. The number of syllables per line is variable in some metres and fixed in others. A single rhyme, sometimes termed a monorhyme, occurs at the end of every line. First lines (مطلع, pl. مطالع) often have rhyming hemistichs.



ST

دَعِ الْأَيَّامَ تَفَعَّلْ مَا تَشَاءُ وَطِبْ نَفْسًا إِذَا حَكَمَ الْقَضَاءُ  
وَلَا تَجْزَعْ لِحَادِثَةِ اللَّيَالِي فَمَا لِحَوَادِثِ الدُّنْيَا بَقَاءُ  
وَكَنْ رَجُلًا عَلَى الْأَهْوَالِ جَلْدًا وَشِيَمَتِكَ السَّمَاحَةُ وَالْوَفَاءُ  
وَإِنْ كَثُرَتْ عُيُوبُكَ فِي الْبَرَائِيَا وَسَرَّكَ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهَا غِطَاءُ  
تَسْتَرُ بِالسَّخَاءِ فَكُلُّ عَيْبٍ يُغْطِيهِ كَمَا قِيلَ السَّخَاءُ  
وَلَا تَرِ لِلْأَعْيَادِي قَطُّ ذُلًّا فَإِنْ شَمَاتَةَ الْأَعْمَادُ بَلَاءُ  
وَلَا تَرْجُ السَّمَاحَةَ مِنْ بَخِيلٍ فَمَا فِي النَّارِ لِلظُّمآنِ مَاءُ  
وَرِزْقُكَ لَيْسَ يُنْقِصُهُ التَّأَنِّي وَلَيْسَ يَزِيدُ فِي الرِّزْقِ الْعَنَاءُ  
وَلَا حُزْنٌ يَدُومُ وَلَا سُرُورٌ وَلَا بُؤْسٌ عَلَيْكَ وَلَا رَخَاءُ  
إِذَا مَا كُنْتَ ذَا قَلْبٍ قَنُوعٍ فَأَنْتَ وَمَالِكَ الدُّنْيَا سَوَاءُ

وَمَنْ نَزَلَتْ بِسَاحَتِهِ الْمَنَايَا فَلَا أَرْضُ تَقِيهِ وَلَا سَمَاءُ  
وَأَرْضُ اللَّهِ وَأَسِيعَةٌ وَلَكِنْ إِذَا نَزَلَ الْقَضَا ضَاقَ الْقَضَاءُ  
دَعِ الْأَيَّامَ تَفَعَّلْ كُلَّ حِينٍ فَمَا يُغْنِي عَنِ الْمَوْتِ الدَّوَاءُ

(ii) Complete version of TT 1

Let the days do what they will,  
Nor be troubled by the night's event;  
Be steadfast in the face of terrors;  
And if your faults be many in the eyes of men,  
Wrap yourself in magnanimity,  
Do not abase yourself before your enemies,  
Nor hope for generosity from a miser:  
Your daily bread will not be lessened if you wait;  
Neither sadness endures long, nor pleasure,  
But if you have a contented heart  
He whose abode is visited by destiny  
God's earth is vast, but when fate falls  
Let the days betray throughout all time:

and be of good cheer when fate utters its decree.  
the events of this world have no permanence.  
let your mark be generosity and trust.  
and you wish to have a cover for yourself,  
which covers every fault, as men have said.  
for the gloating of one's enemies is a scourge.  
there is no water for the thirsty in the Fire.  
nor will it be increased by anxious care.  
nor misfortune, nor a state of ease,  
you are the equal of the owner of the world.  
finds no shield on earth or in the heavens.  
the vastness of space can offer no escape.  
there is no cure can avail against death

دَعِ الْأَيَّامَ تَفْعَلْ مَا تَشَاءُ وَطِيبْ نَفْسًا إِذَا حَكَمَ الْقَضَاءُ  
وَلَا تَجْزَعْ لِحَادِثَةِ اللَّيَالِي فَمَا لِحَوَادِثِ الدُّنْيَا بَقَاءُ  
وَكُنْ رَجُلًا عَلَى الْأَهْوَالِ جَلْدًا وَشِيمَتِكَ السَّمَاحَةَ وَالْوَفَاءُ

(iii) Complete version of TT 2

Let the days do what they will,  
And with good cheer face fate's decree.  
Let night's events cause no concern;  
The world's events will cease to be.  
Brave all dreads with firm decision –  
Loyal and generous of disposition.





If your faults be many in men's eyes  
And you want a wrap to overlay,  
Wrap up in magnanimity,  
It hides all faults, or so they say.

(ii) *Complete version of TT 1*

Let the days do what they will, and be of good cheer when fate utters its decree.  
Nor be troubled by the night's event; the events of this world have no permanence.  
Be steadfast in the face of terrors; let your mark be generosity and trust.  
And if your faults be many in the eyes of men, and you wish to have a cover for yourself,  
Wrap yourself in magnanimity, which covers every fault, as men have said.  
Do not abase yourself before your enemies, for the gloating of one's enemies is a scourge.  
Nor hope for generosity from a miser: there is no water for the thirsty in the Fire.  
Your daily bread will not be lessened if you wait; nor will it be increased by anxious care.  
Neither sadness endures long, nor pleasure, nor misfortune, nor a state of ease,  
But if you have a contented heart you are the equal of the owner of the world.  
He whose abode is visited by destiny finds no shield on earth or in the heavens.  
God's earth is vast, but when fate falls the vastness of space can offer no escape.  
Let the days betray throughout all time: there is no cure can avail against death.

وَأِنْ كَثُرَتْ عِيُوبُكَ فِي الْبَرَآيَا وَسَرُّكَ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهَا غِطَاءُ  
تَسْتُرُ بِالسَّخَاءِ فَكُلُّ عَيْبٍ يُغْطِيهِ كَمَا قِيلَ السَّخَاءُ



### (iii) Complete version of TT 2

Let the days do what they will,  
And with good cheer face fate's decree.  
Let night's events cause no concern;  
The world's events will cease to be.

Brave all dreads with firm decision –  
Loyal and generous of disposition.

Do not bow down before your foes;  
Their gloating is a torment dire.  
The mean cannot be generous –  
No thirst was ever quenched by Fire.

وَلَا تُرِ لِلْأَعْمَادِي قَطُّ ذُلًّا فَإِنْ شَمَاتَةَ الْأَعْدَاءُ بَلَاءُ  
وَلَا تَرَجُّ السَّمَاحَةَ مِنْ بَخِيلٍ فَمَا فِي النَّارِ لِلظُّمَأَنْ مَاءُ

To wait will not reduce your daily bread;  
Nor is there increase found through anxious dread.

Sadness and joy do not endure,  
And neither ease, nor times of dearth,  
But he whose soul may rest content  
Is as the owner of the earth.

وَرِزْقُكَ لَيْسَ يُنْقِصُهُ التَّائِي وَلَيْسَ يَزِيدُ فِي الرِّزْقِ الْعَنَاءُ  
وَلَا حُزْنٌ يَدُومُ وَلَا سُرُورٌ وَلَا يُوَسُّ عَلَيْكَ وَلَا رَخَاءُ  
إِذَا مَا كُنْتَ ذَا قَلْبٍ قَنُوعٍ فَأَنْتَ وَمَالِكُ الدُّنْيَا سَوَاءُ



He whose house is touched by doom,  
Heaven and earth will not relieve.  
God's earth is vast, but at fate's fall  
The whole of space gives no reprieve.

Then let the days betray at every breath;  
There is no cure can cure man of death.

وَمَنْ نَزَلَتْ بِسَاحَتِهِ الْمَنَايَا فَلَا أَرْضُ تُقِيهِ وَلَا سَمَاءُ  
وَأَرْضُ اللَّهِ وَأَسِيعَةٌ وَلَكِنْ إِذَا نَزَلَ الْقَضَا ضَاقَ الْفَضَاءُ  
دَعِ الْأَيَّامَ تَفْجُرُ كُلُّ حِينٍ فَمَا يُغْنِي عَنِ الْمَوْتِ الدُّوَاءُ



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## **Practical Translation 6 & 7** **Practical 6**



## Translating Text Types

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*In light of the theoretical background outlined before, discuss the strategic decisions that you have to take before starting detailed translation of the following text then translate it into English:*

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ST

الزحار العصوي  
مرض إنتاني يمتاز تشريحيا بالتهاب الأمعاء الغليظة يسببه عُصَيَّات  
من نوع «شيغلا» وتدخل الى الجسم بالطريق المعدي المعوي بواسطة  
الطعام والماء والأصابع الملوثة. وتنطرح الجراثيم بعدد وافر أثناء  
الدور الحاد للمرض مع البراز السائل. وقد يكون ذلك خلال دور  
النقاهة وحتى بعد شفاء المريض تماماً وقد يظهر الزحار بشكل وبائي  
حيث يتجمع الناس وتنعدم الشروط الصحية والنظافة. وتساعد  
شروط الطقس الحار في البلاد الاستوائية على انتشار المرض بواسطة  
الذباب.

إنتاني  
طريق

infectious  
tract

ترفع حروري

rise in temperature (because of fever), fever, high  
temperature

زُجِير  
وَدْمَة

tenesmus

oedema (however, 'inflamed mucosa' seems to be  
the more standard English term in the TT context)

انطرح

to excrete



The following terms are particularly problematic, because they involve odd or possibly misleading ST formulations. In such cases the translator would need to consult the author or an expert before finally releasing the TT:

الطريق المعدي المعوي      gastro-intestinal-tract  
Although this is what the ST says, the usual phrase in English is 'faecal-oral route' (cf. the 'Bacillary dysentery' text in § 14.5).

قشع زحاري      catarrhal dysentery  
This is an old term, hardly in current use, meaning stools that contain only mucus. This looks right in the context, except that it denotes a mild form of the disease.

تنظير المستقيم      proctoscopy

الزحار العصوي TT

(ii) *TT (from Al-Muhammad 1993: 235–6, with some amendments)*

### **Bacillary Dysentery**

This is an infectious disease which is characterized anatomically by the inflammation of the large intestine. It is caused by bacilli of the genus *Shigella*. It enters the body through the gastro-intestinal tract, via food, water, or unwashed hands. Bacteria are excreted in great numbers during the acute phase of the illness within loose stools. This may occur during convalescence, and even after the patient has recovered completely. Bacillary dysentery may appear epidemically in crowded populations where there is lack of cleanliness and poor sanitation. The hot climatic conditions in tropical countries aid the spread of the disease through flies.





### Bacillary Dysentery

### الزحار العصوي

مرض إنتاني يمتاز تشريحياً بالتهاب الأمعاء الغليظة

This is an infectious disease which is characterized anatomically by the inflation of the large intestine.

يسببه عُصَيَّات من نوع «شيغلا»

It is caused by bacilli of genus Shigella.

بواسطة الطعام والماء والأصابع الملوثة.

It enters the body through the gastro-intestinal tract, via food, water, or unwashed hands.

وتنطرح الجراثيم بعدد وافر أثناء الدور الحاد للمرض مع البراز السائل.

Bacteria are excreted in great numbers during the acute phase of illness loose stools.

وقد يكون ذلك خلال دور النقاهة وحتى بعد شفاء المريض تماماً

This may occur during convalescence, and even after and even after the patient has recovered completely.

وقد يظهر الزحار بشكل وبائي حيث يتجمع الناس وتندم الشروط الصحية والنظافة.

Bacillary dysentery may appear epidemically in crowded populations where there is lack of cleanliness and poor sanitation.



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وتساعد شروط الطقس الحار في البلاد الاستوائية  
على انتشار المرض بواسطة الذباب.

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The hot climatic conditions in tropical countries aid the spread of the disease through flies.





## Practical 7

### الصفحة السريرية

آلام بطنية شديدة، ترفع حروري، زحير، ويظهر الاسهال خلال بضع ساعات من بدء المرض، ويكون البراز سائلاً بادئ الامر إلا أنه يصبح مائياً بسرعة، ويترافق بمواد مخاطية وقيحية، وفي بعض الأحيان يكون مدمى. وقد يشتد الاسهال ويتكرر ليحوي فقط مواد مخاطية دموية تسمى به القشع الزحاري» وتسوء الحالة العامة إذا ما استمر الاسهال، وللمرض حالات خفيفة وشديدة. يتم التشخيص بفحص البراز، وتنظير المستقيم الذي يوضح وجود وذمة والتهاب في المستقيم مع تقرحات واسعة متقطعة إنما سطحية.

### Clinical Features

Severe abdominal pains, fever, and tenesmus. Diarrhoea often occurs several hours after the onset of the disease. In the initial stages, the stool is loose, but quickly becomes watery. It is accompanied by mucus, purulent exudate, and sometimes blood. The diarrhoea may become more severe and persistent and contain only bloody mucus. This is called catarrhal dysentery. The patient's general state worsens if diarrhoea persists. The illness has severe and mild forms. It is diagnosed through stool culture, and through proctoscopy, which normally confirms oedema, inflammation of the rectum, and transversally distributed ulcerations which, though large, superficial.



### Clinical Features

### الصفحة السريرية

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In the initial stages, the stool is loose, but quickly becomes watery.

ويترافق بمواد مخاطية وقيحية، وفي بعض الأحيان يكون مدمى.

It is accompanied by mucus, purulent exudate, and sometimes blood.

وقد يشتد الاسهال ويتكرر ليحوي فقط مواد مخاطية دموية تسمى بـ «القشع الزحاري»

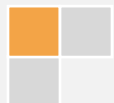
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وتسوء الحالة العامة إذا ما استمر الاسهال

The patient's general state worsens if diarrhoea persists.

وللمرض حالات خفيفة وشديدة.

The illness has severe and mild forms.



يتم التشخيص بفحص  
البراز، وتنظير المستقيم الذي يوضّح وجود وُدْمَة والتهاب في  
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، 0 الى z.9 الى a ، Z الى A الاحرف و الارقام المسموحة

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## Dear Valued Customer

In order to make your online banking experience more secure, we have improved the username and password rules. If you are facing difficulties logging into our internet and mobile banking, then perhaps your user name and password does not comply to the rules that we have applied. In such a case please contact the call center >>>>>> to reset your Al Mubasher access. This would require you to register for online banking again by accessing the following link <https://hhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh> and comply to the username and password rules that are mentioned below.

### Username rules:

User ID should be a combination of Alphabets and Numeric

User ID should be minimum 8 and maximum 20 characters

User ID should comprise of English characters only

User ID can be a combination of upper and lower case characters.

Allowed characters A to Z, a-z, 0 to 9

### Password rules:

Password should be a combination of alphabets and numeric.

The password should be minimum 8 characters and maximum 14 characters

The password should comprise of English characters only.

The password can be a combination of upper and lower case characters.

Allowed characters A to Z, a-z, 0 to 9

عزيزي العميل

نظراً لحرصنا على تطبيق افضل خصائص الأمان لعملائنا، فقد تم تطبيق معايير جديدة لأسم المستخدم و كلمة المرور.

## Dear Valued Customer

In order to make your online banking experience more secure, we have improved the username and password rules





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Password should be a combination of alphabets and numeric.

كلمة السر يجب ان لا تكون اقل من 8 خانات او اكثر من 14 خانة

The password should be minimum 8 characters and maximum 14 characters

كلمة السر يجب ان يكون بالأحرف الانجليزية فقط

The password should comprise of English characters only.

كلمة السر يمكن ان يتكون من احرف كبيرة و صغيرة

The password can be a combination of upper and lower case characters.

، 0 الى z.9 الى a ، الى Z الاحرف و الارقام المسموحة

Allowed characters A to Z, a-z, 0 to 9

**The Manager,  
Bank Limited,**

\_\_\_\_\_ Branch                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL ACCOUNT HOLDER**

**Section A – Details of client**  
Please give details of client below

Mrs.  Ms  Miss  Mr.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

\* Surname \_\_\_\_\_ \* Given name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

\* Country \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Passport/ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

\* Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

\* Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_ \* Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ \* Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

\* Secret Question: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

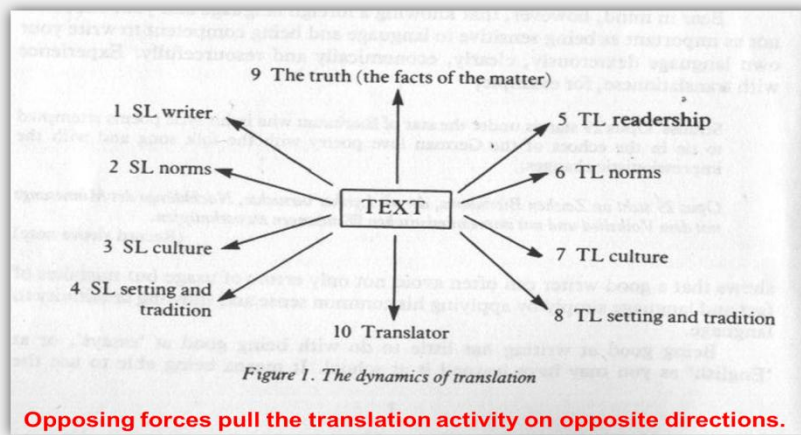
\* Secret Question: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B**  
Please provide details of accounts to be linked to **E-banking**

* Account type	Account Number	Account Name
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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## General Revision



(Newmark :1988)

SL = Source Language  
TL = Target Language

## What does “Translation” mean?

The term “translation” can refer to:

- the general subject field
- the product (*the text that had been translated*)
- the process (*the act of producing the translation*)

## What does “Translation” mean?

Many authors tried to define “Translation”

“ Rendering the meaning of a text into another language in the way that the author intended the text.”

(Newmark :1988)





## What does “Translation” mean?

Translation is the general term referring to the transfer of thoughts and ideas from one language (source) to another (target), whether the languages are in written or oral form; whether the languages have established orthographies or do not have such standardization or whether one or both languages is based on signs, as with sign languages of the deaf.

(Brislin, 1976)

## What does “Translation” mean?

Translation is often regarded as a project for **transferring meaning** from one language to another.

(Farghal, 1999)

All the previous mentioned definitions of the term “translation” talk about two key words:

**transfer** (interlingual communication)  
and  
**meaning** (denotative and connotative)

## Related Basic Definitions

**Source Text (ST):** The text requiring translation.

**Target Text (TT):** The text which is a translation of the ST.

**Source Language (SL):** The language in which the ST is written.

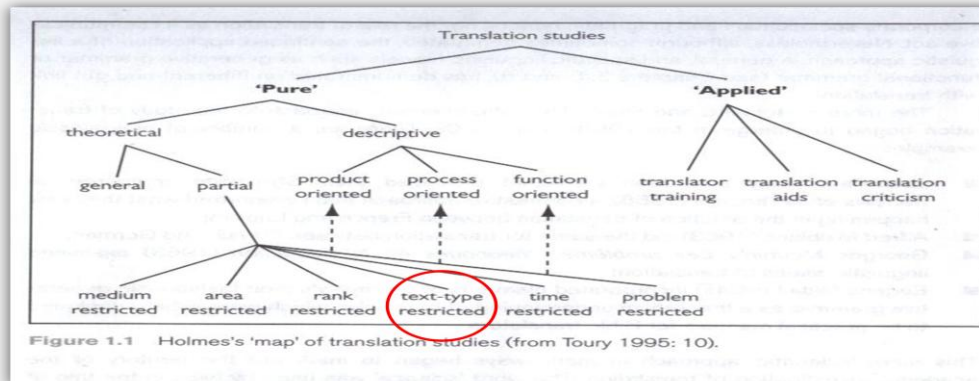
**Target Language TL):** The language into which the ST is translated.

**Strategy:** The translator’s overall plan consisting of a set of strategic decisions taken after an initial reading of the ST, but before starting detailed translation.



## Translation Studies

James Holmes's Map



(Munday: 2008)

## Text Type

**Are all those texts of the same text type?**

**Can you translate all of them following the same strategy?**

"It is obvious that not all texts are the same type. We may distinguish between political texts, legal texts and medical texts; fairy tales, novels and short stories differ from newspaper reports, essays and scientific papers; food recipes, instructions booklets and advertisements may show similarities but they are not the same, expository texts differ from argumentative texts, etc. All these types of text differ in ways that are somewhat obvious, intuitively, but which nevertheless invite detailed analysis"

( Trosborg, 1998)



Katharina Reiss (1979/1989) views the text, rather than the word or sentence, as the level at which communication is achieved and at which equivalence must be sought.



## Text Type Classifications

Hatim and Mason (1990) classified text types according to their **rhetorical purposes**:

*argumentative, expositive* and *instruction-based*.

They divide instructional texts into two types: instruction without option, and instruction with option. Instruction without option includes texts such as laws. One is required to follow the 'instructions' (law, for instance); otherwise there may be a punishment.



## Reiss (1971) Text types

Functional characteristics of text types and links to translation methods (adapted from Reiss 1971)

Text type	<i>Informative</i>	<i>Expressive</i>	<i>Operative</i>
Language function	Informative (representing objects and facts)	Expressive (expressing sender's attitude)	Appellative (making an appeal to text receiver)
Language dimension	Logical	Aesthetic	Dialogic
Text focus	Content-focused	Form-focused	Appellative-focused
TT should	Transmit referential content	Transmit aesthetic form	Elicit desired response
Translation method	'Plain prose', explicitation as required	'Identifying' method, adopt perspective of ST author	'Adaptive', equivalent effect

Newmark depends on Bühler's functions of language to deal with text types. According to Bühler, there are three language functions:

**Expressive:** serious imaginative literature, authoritative statements, autobiography, essays and personal correspondence

Originator  
writer

**Informative:** a textbook, a technical report, a scientific paper or agenda of a meeting

topic of knowledge

**Vocative:** notices, publicity, propaganda, persuasive writing and advertisements

readership

" Few texts are purely expressive informative or vocative: **most include all three functions, with an emphasis on one of the three**" ( Newmark, 1988: 42)



### Text Type and Genre

The term “text type” is often used in a similar sense of “genre”.

Dickins, Hervey and Higgins opted for using the term “genre” instead of “text type”

### Genre

Dickins, Hervey and Higgins distinguished five broad categories of “genre” :

*Literary*  
*Religious*  
*Philosophical*  
*Empirical*  
*Persuasive*



# Before Beginning to Translate a Text

Before you begin translating any text, you need to ask yourself the following important questions:

- What is the message content of this particular ST?
- What are its salient linguistic features?
- What are its principal effects?
- What genre does it belong to and what audience is it aimed at?
- What are the functions and intended audience of my translation?

*Best Wishes*

Om Yazan 1920 ☺

