

I'm not a bot



Can you guys tell me the difference between interpret and translate ? Interpreting is spoken. Translating is written. I did both for 30 years and you'd be amazed how many people get them mixed up! I've occasionally been that too. I would say that the chief difference is that translation is the (as near as possible) exact rendering of text or speech from one language to another, while interpretation is the explanation or clarification of text or speech - often, but not necessarily, from one language to another. For instance, I might be asked to interpret a puzzling instruction or a hard-to-understand aphorism in my own language, English. With sincerest respects to Keith, I have never before heard that translation is only written. With sincerest respects to Keith, I have never before heard that translation is only written. I would automatically assume thart a translation of something was a written/printed one unless there was something in the context to indicate that it wasn't. Which in my experience would be very unusual. I was thinking of being on holiday in Slovenia, where German is one of the languages commonly spoken or at least understood, and the necessity for me, with my 'O' level German, to relay instantly to my wife the sense of what the angry farmer is shouting at us. I would call that "translating". I was thinking of being on holiday in Slovenia, where German is one of the languages commonly spoken or at least understood, and the necessity for me, with my 'O' level German, to relay instantly to my wife the sense of what the angry farmer is shouting at us. I would call that "translating". I think what we're seeing here is how your average man in the street (Abluter, and many others) would use the words translate and interpret, and how they're used in specialist contexts. If you work in either translation or interpreting, then you would say that translation relates strictly to written texts and interpreting relates to speech (it is slightly different with sign language, which is an even more specialised context). But it's very common when talking to people who don't work in these industries that you have to explain the difference between the two things. Interpreter and translator are two completely different jobs. The OP question is vague though, because this is a different, yet completely correct, other meaning to interpreting: I might be asked to interpret a puzzling instruction or a hard-to-understand aphorism in my own language, English. In a casual setting I too might ask someone to "translate" for me. An interpreter is a skilled professional. Anybody with with basic knowledge can (orally) translate a sentence or two from one language to another. Interpreting is a specialized kind of translating. There are many different definitions of both words. A pianist interprets a musical score, a mystic philosopher cand be translated to a higher plane of existence, and so forth. But (unless JustARandomDude tells us he meant something quite different) when you put the two words together in the same context and ask the difference, the answer is what I said in #2. Amateurs may argue; any professional in the trade will tell you that that's the distinction. That's how we earn our living, for heaven's sake. 百度知道>提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了> 提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了> 提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了> 提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了> 提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了> 提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了> 提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了>_

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