

Revision of a Non-Specialised Translation: List of Error Categories for Candidates (English into Persian)

The translation includes errors at word, phrase or sentence level across the following categories:

Error Category	Examples of Errors
Distortion: An element of meaning in the source text is altered in the target text. A distortion can occur in an individual word, phrase, clause or entire sentence.	a) Language source text: This week the government announced that all public servants would get a pay rise. Correct version: دولت در این هفته اعلام کرد که حقوق تمامی کارکنان دولت در این هفته اضافه خواهد شد. (Moving the phrase this week changes the time reference from the announcement to the pay rise, thereby altering the meaning of the target text.). b) Language source text: The witness described the thief as a young man with black hair. correct version will be also with a nouncement to the pay rise.
	Incorrect version: شاهد دزد را یک مرد جوان با موها <u>ی طلایی</u> توصیف کرد. (Incorrect translation of the adjective, thereby altering the meaning of the target text.)
2. Unjustified omission: An element of meaning in the source text is not transferred into the target text. An unjustified omission can occur with an individual word, phrase, clause or entire sentence.	Language source text: The largest increases in soil carbon levels are obtained in the first 6–8 years after changes in land management, and after 35 years the rate of change drops to zero. ا المال على المال ا
3. Unjustified addition: An element of meaning that does not exist in the source text is added to the target text. An unjustified addition can occur with an individual word, phrase, clause or entire sentence.	Language source text: It would guarantee that people leaving the workforce in their mid-60s enjoyed a financially secure retirement. الله مطمئنی خواهد بود که افرادی که در نیمه دهه ششم عمر خود از نیروی کار خارج شوند، از بازنشستگی مالی مطمئنی بهره مند گردند. Incorrect version: این تضمینی خواهد بود که افرادی که در نیمه دهه ششم عمر خود از نیروی کار خارج شوند، از بازنشستگی مالی مطمئنی تا آخر عمر برای خود و همسرشان بهره مند گردند.
	(The underlined words were not found in the original text, nor were they implied, and inserting them has a major impact on the transfer of meaning.)



4. Inappropriate register : Incorrect variety of language or inappropriate vocabulary for the text type (e.g. inappropriate level of formality or informality).	Language source text: A copy of subpoena should be <u>submitted</u> to the court by the defendant prior to the hearing date. Correct version: یک نسخه از برگ احضاریه می بایست پیش از تاریخ استماع دادرسی توسط متهم به دادگاه ارسال شود. Incorrect version: یک نسخه از برگ احضاریه می بایست پیش از تاریخ استماع دادرسی توسط متهم به دادگاه ارسال شود. (In the legal register, documents are usually submitted rather than sent.)
	a) Language source text: <i>The company manager expressed his <u>extreme displeasure</u>. Correct version : مدیر شرکت مراتب رنجش عمیق خود را ابراز نمود. Incorrect version: مدیر شرکت <u>گفت که بدجوری ناراحت</u> شده است. (The phrase said he was badly annoyed conveys the correct meaning but is too informal in this context.)</i>
5. Unidiomatic expression : An expression sounding unnatural or awkward to a native speaker irrespective of the context in which the expression is used, but the intended meaning can be understood.	a) Language source text: The new government <u>introduced</u> visa regulations to the citizens of the neighbouring country. Correct version: دولت جدید مقررات روادید را برای شهروندان کشور همسایه وضع نمود. Incorrect version: دولت جدید مقررات روادید را برای شهروندان کشور همسایه معرفی کرد. (In this context, the word 'introduce' sounds unnatural and awkward to Persian speakers but the intended meaning can be understood.)
	b) Language source text: <i>They could not accommodate our recent orders</i> . : Correct version خیر ما برنیامدند. : Incorrect version: آنها از پس انجام سفارشات اخیر ما برنیامدند. (The plural form of the noun 'order' in Persian in the incorrect version is wrong, but the meaning can be understood.)
6. Error of grammar, syntax: Error in structuring words, clauses and phrases of a language. E.g. incorrect word type/form; incorrect verb tense/form; agreement error between subject- verb,	a) Language source text: <i>One of the typical symptoms of croup is barking coughs.</i> :Correct version یکی از علائم معمول خروسک ، سرفه های مشابه صدای سگ است. :Incorrect version یکی از علائم معمول خروسک ، سرفه های سگی است. (Incorrect word form, i.e. use of adjective instead of noun phrase)



noun-pronoun, adjective- noun, etc.	
	b) Language source text: They should release the results by the end of the week. الفيا قرار است تا آخر هفته نتايج آزمون را اعلام كنند. Incorrect version: أنها قرار بود تا آخر هفته نتايج آزمون را اعلام كنند. (Incorrect verb tense, i.e. past tense instead of present tense) c) Language source text: 400 million 50-dollar banknotes circulate with a typo. Language source text: 400 million 50-dollar banknotes circulate with a typo. correct version عبليون اسكناس 50 دلارى با يک غلط املايي در گردش است. (Incorrect word form, i.e. use of singular plural form instead of singular) d) Language source text: Allen inspected the property with his spouse. Language source text: Allen inspected the property with his spouse. (agreement error between subject- verb) e) Language source text: We will try to review these issues in the future meeting. Language source text: We will try to review these issues in the future meeting. (Incorrect version : سعى خواهيم كرد اين معضلات را در نشست آتى مرور كنيم. Incorrect version : المحمورة المحمورة المن معضلات در نشست آتى. (Incorrect version : المحمورة الم
7. Error of spelling : Error in forming words with letters or characters. E.g. misspelling of a word/character, incorrect capitalisation.	Language source text: The former vice president was charged with profiting by illegal means. Correct version: معاون رئیس جمهور پیشین متهم به تحسیل سود از راه های غیر قانونی شد. Incorrect version: معاون رئیس جمهور پیشین متهم به تحسیل سود از راه های غیر قانونی شد. (Spelling error)
8. Error of punctuation : Error in use of marks that separate sentences and their elements, and clarify meaning. E.g.	Language source text: The managing director removed the Smith Brothers Chain Companies from his list. Correct version: مدیر عامل، شرکتهای زنجیره ای برادران اسمیت را از فهرست خود حذف نمود.



incorrect comma, full-stop, apostrophe, inverted commas, etc.

Incorrect version: مدیر عامل شرکتهای زنجیره ای، برادران اسمیت را از فهرست خود حذف نمود.

(Incorrect comma usage, i.e. the comma incorrectly separates the subject from its object.)