

## EIKEN 2<sup>nd</sup> Speaking Lesson 10

### COMPUTER TRANSLATION

These days, computer software is getting better at translating foreign languages. People can now use such software to get a general idea of almost any text. However, computers often make mistakes because of words with many meanings. Human translators know the correct way to use such words in a sentence, so they are good at checking translations done by software.

Your story should begin with this sentence: One day, Takashi visited his parents to give them a new computer.



## QUESTIONS

No. 1                      According to the passage, why are human translators good at checking translations done by software?

No.2                      Now, please look at the picture and describe the situation. You have 20 seconds to prepare. Your story should begin with the sentence on the card.

< 20 seconds >  
Please begin.

Now, Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, please do not look at the picture.

No. 3                      Some people say that high school students in Japan should learn foreign language in addition to English. What do you think about that?

No. 4                      Many people listen to portable music players when they go to school or work. do you think this is a good idea?

Yes.    —————>            Why?  
No.    —————>            Why not?

## SAMPLE ANSWERS

- No. 1                      They know the correct way to use words with many meanings in a sentence.
- No. 2                      One day, Takashi visited his parents to give them a new computer. He said to his parents, "You can shop online anytime you like." Later that day, Takashi was setting up the computer. His parents, You can shop online anytime you like. Later that day, Takashi was setting up the computer. His parents were reading the computer manual. The next weekend, Takashi's mother was ordering some meat online. Takashi's father was thinking of having a barbeque with his family.
- No. 3                      I agree. It's important to learn different foreign languages. Students can learn about different cultures by learning more foreign languages.
- I disagree. It takes a long time to be able to use English. I think it's better to concentrate on English before studying another language.
- No. 4                      Yes. Listening to music is a good way to pass time. Many people live far away from their schools and companies.
- No. People listening to music cannot hear anything around them. It's dangerous for them to cross the street.