

Translator skills

your complete list of what it takes to be a good translator

The 7 essential (core competency) translator skills

1. Advanced language knowledge
2. Excellent writing skills
3. In-depth cultural knowledge
4. Sound research skills
5. Best practice translation and review processes
6. Sound translation judgement
7. Computing and CAT skills

8 key personal qualities

1. Attention to detail
2. Good organisation
3. Self-motivation
4. Dependability
5. Adaptability
6. Integrity
7. Curiosity
8. Professional pride



Find out what each of these involve, and how to gain and improve these skills, in our [blog article](#).

For freelance translators:

4 critical business skills

1. Client focus
2. Good communication skills
3. Professional image
4. Business systems knowledge

5 "nice-to-have" translator skills

1. A specialisation
2. Marketing/sales skills
3. Networking skills
4. Numeracy skills
5. Business acumen

