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

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