

Problems in Translation

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Problems may occur in translation, especially that of non-equivalence. The most that can be suggested is strategies which may be used to deal with non-equivalence (Baker, 1992).

These are the common types of non-equivalence at word level:

- Culture-specific concepts;
- The source-language concept is not lexicalized in the target language;
- The source-language word is semantically complex;

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- The source and target language make different distinctions in meaning;
- The target language lacks a super ordinate;
- The target language lacks a specific term (hyponym);
- Differences in physical or interpersonal perspective;

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- Differences in expressive meaning;
- Differences in form;
- Differences in frequency and purpose of using specific forms;
- The use of loan words in the source text.



Baker, Mona. 1992. In Other Words. A Course in Translation.

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