

1. Read the text below and complete it by choosing an appropriate expression from the list of linking words below to fill gaps 1-13

for example of course it is true	however in order to for instance
because it seems to me especially	similarly for these reasons on the contrary

It is true that there have been great advances in technology over the last forty years.
1..... the use of mobile phones and e-mail communication are common these days.
2....., machines which translate from one language to another are still in their early stages.

.....3..... that a machine could never do as good a job as a human,
4..... when it comes to interpreting what people are saying.5....., machines can translate statements such as “Where is the bank?” but even simple statements are not always straightforward6..... meaning depends on more than just words.7..... the “word” bank has a number of different meanings in English. How does a translating machine know which meaning to take?

.....8..... understand what people are saying, you need to take into account the relationship between the speakers and their situation. A machine cannot tell the difference between the English expression “Look out!” meaning “Be careful!” and “Look out!” meaning “Put your head out of the window”. You need a human being to interpret the situation.

.....9..... with written language, it is difficult for a machine to know how to translate accurately10..... we rarely translate every word.11....., we try to take into consideration how the idea would be expressed in the other language. This is hard to do12..... every language has its own way of doing and saying things.

.....13..... I feel that it is most unlikely that machines will take the place of humans in the field of translation and interpreting. If machines ever learn to think, perhaps then they will be in a position to take on this role.

2. Underline the main idea in each paragraph and write write it in your own words.