



Annex 1: Examples of text genres expected to be translated (levels A & B)¹

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EXAMPLES OF TEXT GENRES EXPECTED TO BE TRANSLATED

TRANSLATION LEVEL B2

Examples of complex semi-specialized text genres from different areas of professional specialization in translation

Legal and administrative

Contracts (employment contracts, contracts of sale, lease agreements, etc.); sworn statements; signature certification; legal letters; judicial decisions; powers of attorney; law firm website content; articles/books for a general audience, curriculums, lectures.

Economic and financial

Bills; advertising brochures (for investment funds, risk cover, exchange-traded fixed income, investment financing, stock market investment, deposits, etc.); payslips; bank account statements; purchase orders; debit notes; financial institution website content; articles/books for a general audience, curriculums, lectures.

Scientific

Patient information leaflets; informed consent forms; health leaflets; reports, advertorials, advertising brochures; scientific body website content; articles/books for a general audience, curriculums, lectures.

Technical

Instruction manuals; reports, advertorials, advertising brochures; business website content; articles/books for a general audience, curriculums, lectures.

Humanistic

Literary texts: mass-market paperbacks (western novels, romance novels, detective novels, etc.). Non-literary texts: essays (about history, philosophy, literature, politics, biographies, etc.); film scripts; tourist guides; reports, advertorials, advertising brochures; institutional website content; articles/books for a general audience, curriculums related to publishing, lectures.

TRANSLATION LEVEL B1

Examples of simple semi-specialized text genres from different areas of professional specialization in translation

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¹ To be considered:

⁻ There are genres that appear on various levels (e.g. instruction manuals, advertising brochures).

⁻ While a genre may appear on a particular level, the difficulty of any given text could result in it being used at a higher or lower level (e.g. press releases and statements, lectures, etc.).

⁻ At each level, genres from lower levels may be translated if a particular text poses a greater degree of difficulty.

⁻ It is evidently necessary to take the specific difficulty of each text into consideration; that difficulty depends on several factors (see section 2.2.1).

⁻ The degree of difficulty of a brief can increase/decrease the difficulty of the translation of texts.





Legal and administrative

Certificates (academic certificates, birth, death and marriage certificates, residence cards, certificates of municipal registration, criminal record certificates, etc.); complaint forms; applications for permits (residence, short-term residence, etc.); reports, advertorials, legal service advertising brochures; press releases and statements; law firm website content; general encyclopaedia entries, secondary school textbooks, articles/books for a general audience.

Economic and financial

Bills for everyday products; advertising texts for insurance products (life insurance, civil liability insurance, etc.), banking products (pension plans, bank deposits, accounts, personal loans); reports, advertorials; press releases and statements; financial institution website content; general encyclopaedia entries, secondary school textbooks, articles/books for a general audience.

Scientific

Patient information leaflets; health information campaigns; product catalogues (nutritional supplements, animal feed, wines, insecticides, etc.); health leaflets; reports, advertorials, advertising brochures for medicines, food supplements, cosmetics, etc.; press releases and statements; scientific body website content; general encyclopaedia entries, secondary school textbooks, articles/books for a general audience.

Technical

Instruction manuals; product catalogues (lawnmowers, food processors, ovens, etc.); reports, advertorials; product advertising brochures (equipment, machines, tools, etc.); press releases and statements; business website content; general encyclopaedia entries, secondary school textbooks, articles/books for a general audience.

Humanistic

Literary texts: journalistic literature (articles, interviews, journalistic accounts, etc.). Non-literary texts: tourist guides; reports, advertorials, advertising brochures (for exhibitions, museums, publishing houses, etc.); press releases and statements; institutional website content; general encyclopaedia entries, secondary school textbooks, articles/books for a general audience.

TRANSLATION LEVEL A2²

Examples of non-specialized text genres with different registers (field, mode, tenor) corresponding to different text types

Narrative

Biographical encyclopaedia entries; history books for a general audience; press articles (describing an event, a biography, etc.); press releases and statements; stories.

Descriptive

Tourist brochures; reports (on a place, a person, a style of music, a group of people, etc.); descriptions of organizations (companies, international bodies, associations, etc.), courses and products.

Conceptual

Encyclopaedia entries on general subjects (global warming, the big bang theory, forest conservation, etc.); books for a general audience (on Translation Studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, etc.).

Argumentative

Letters of complaint; film reviews; opinion pieces on general subjects.

Instructional

² As stated previously (see section 2.2.4), the examples of genres proposed for levels A1 and A2 are the same; the difference is that level A1 involves work with texts in standard language and level A2 involves work with texts containing basic problems related to language register.





Recipes; business letters; instructions used in everyday life (first aid, games, physical exercise, crafts, etc.); advertising brochures (for a product, an event, a service, etc.).

TRANSLATION LEVEL A1

Examples of non-specialized text genres in standard language corresponding to different text types

Narrative

Biographical encyclopaedia entries; history books for a general audience; press articles (describing an event, a biography, etc.); press releases and statements; stories.

Descriptive

Tourist brochures; reports (on a place, a person, a style of music, a group of people, etc.); descriptions of organizations (companies, international bodies, associations, etc.), courses and products.

Conceptual

Encyclopaedia entries on general subjects (global warming, the big bang theory, forest conservation, etc.); books for a general audience (on Translation Studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, etc.).

Argumentative

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Instructional

Recipes; business letters; instructions used in everyday life (first aid, games, physical exercise, crafts, etc.); advertising brochures (for a product, an event, a service, etc.).