

□ It reproduces the ‘message’ of the original but tends to distort nuances of meaning by preferring colloquialism and idioms where these do not exist in the original.

□ **For example :**

{This type’s all the rage.} مثل هذه الاشياء عليها اقبال كثير الان

□ This form of translation is sometimes called lively ‘natural translation’.

S.L. text	Literal translation	Literary translation
When pigs fly	عندما تطير الخنازير	عندما يبيض الديك
It's not a rocket science.	انه ليس علم صاروخ	انه ليس علم ذرة
Give her the cold shoulder	اعطها الكتف البارد	تجاهلها
Look!	انظر!	اسمع!
فتنتني جمال عينيها	The beauty of her eyes fascinated me	I was fascinated by her eyes

Lecture:(6)

Problems of Translation

Q/ What is meant by a translation problem?

A/ A translation problem is *any difficulty we come across at translating that invites us to stop translating* in order to check or use a dictionary. *It is anything in the SL text which forces us to stop translating.*

Grammatical Translation Problems

The following are examples of the major categories of difficulties translators encounter because of differences in the grammatical structures of source and target languages:

1. Number

Number is a system which usually concerns count nouns and denotes whether the speaker is referring to one, two, three, etc.

Q/ Why do not English and Arabic have the same number system?

A/ English and Arabic do not have the same number system because:

- (i) English number consists of two categories: singular and plural.
e.g. boy (singular) and boys (plural).
- (ii) Arabic number consists of three categories: singular, dual and plural.
e.g. ولد (a boy) (singular) , ولدان (two boys) (dual) and اولاد (boys) (plural).

عيناها جميلتان (S.L.)

Her eyes are beautiful.

Gender

Gender is a grammatical distinction according to which a noun or pronoun is classified as either masculine or feminine in some language.