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Apple introduced its inbuilt Translate app with iOS 14, enabling you to translate text and voice commands. With the latest iOS 17 update, you can view the real-time translation, copy-paste it, or over your camera over text to find its translation. For a linguaphile traveler like me, the Translate app joins the list of [best iPhone translation apps](). Let us see how to use it.

Languages supported by Translate app on iPhone

- Arabic
- Chinese
  (Mandarin–China mainland)
- Chinese
  (Mandarin–Taiwan)
- Duch
- English (UK)
- English (US)
- French (France)
- German (Germany)

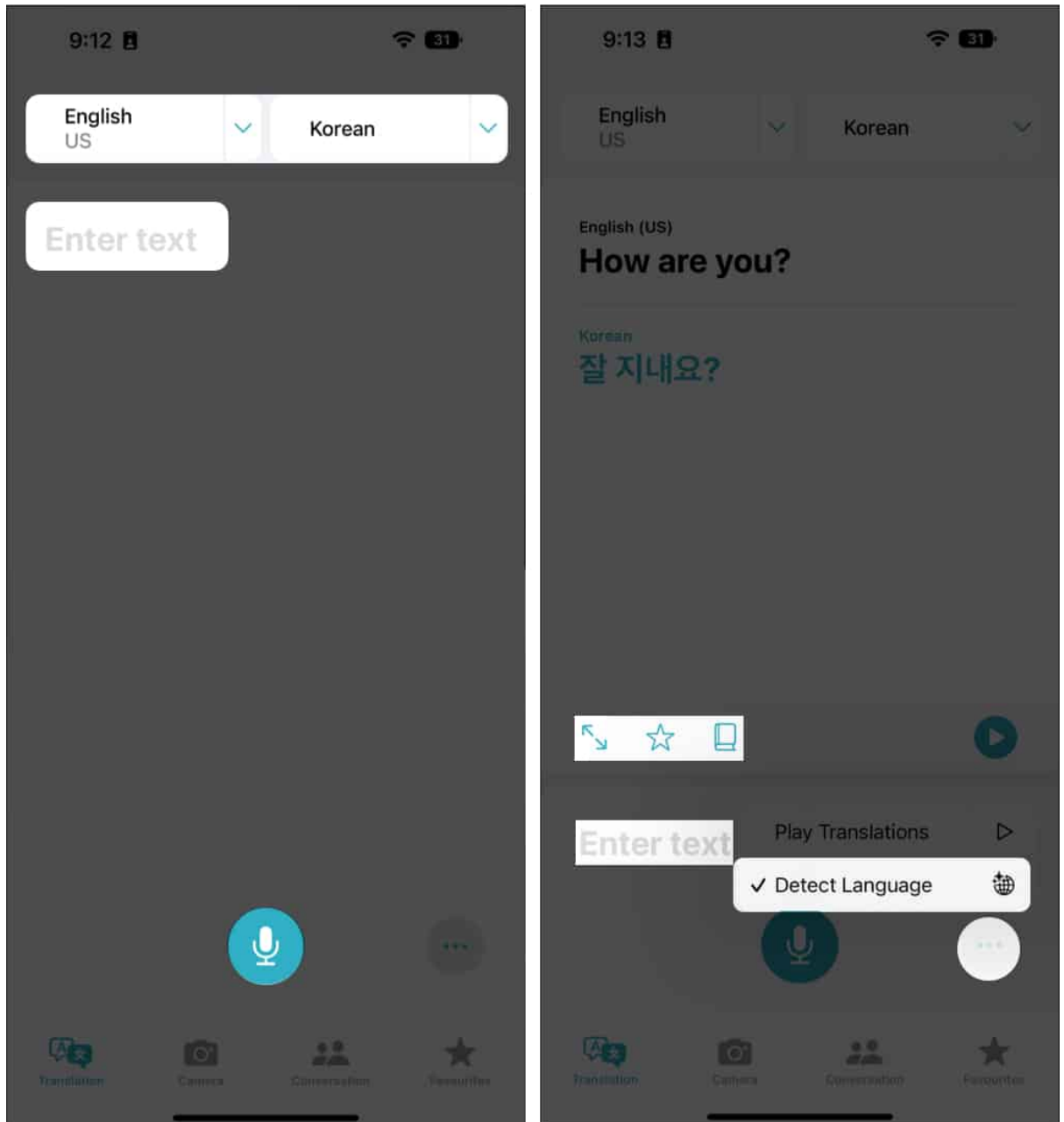- Indonesian
- Italian (Italy)

- Japanese
- Korean
- Polish
- Portuguese (Brazil)
- Russian
- Spanish (Spain)
- Thai
- Turkish
- Vietnamese

How to translate text, voice, and conversations on iPhone

Before you start, make sure you've selected the languages you wish to translate, and that your internet connection is active.
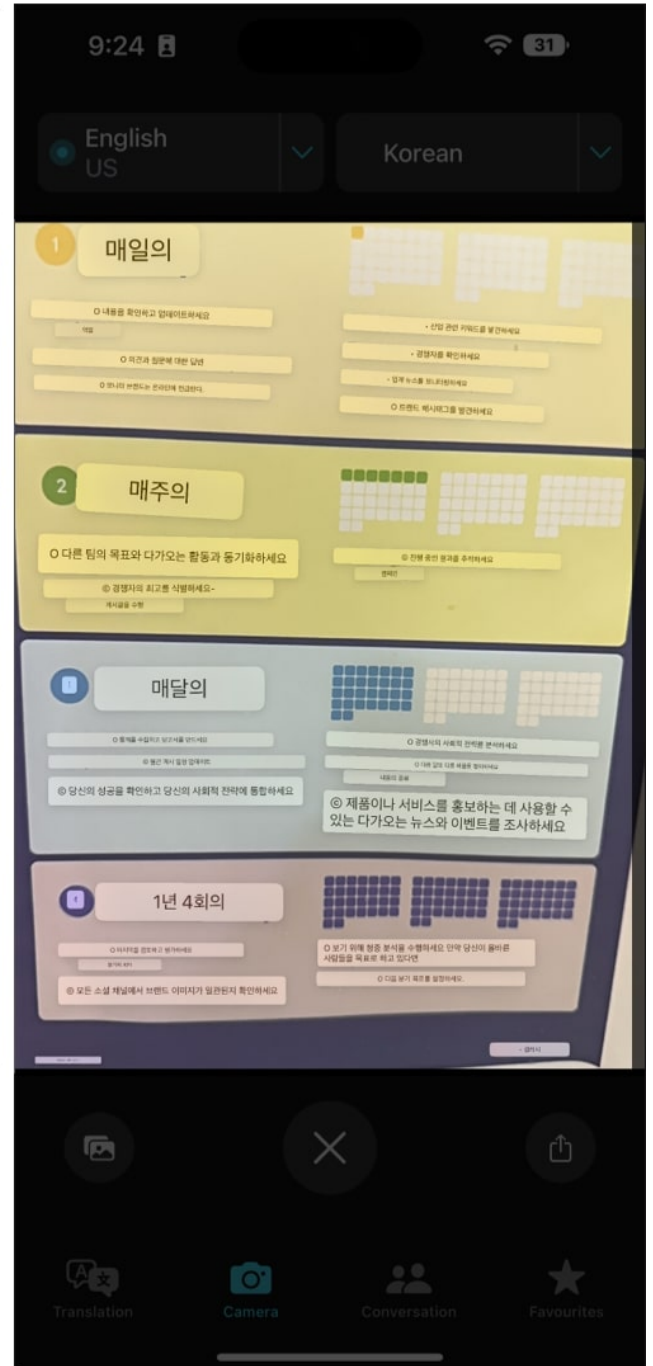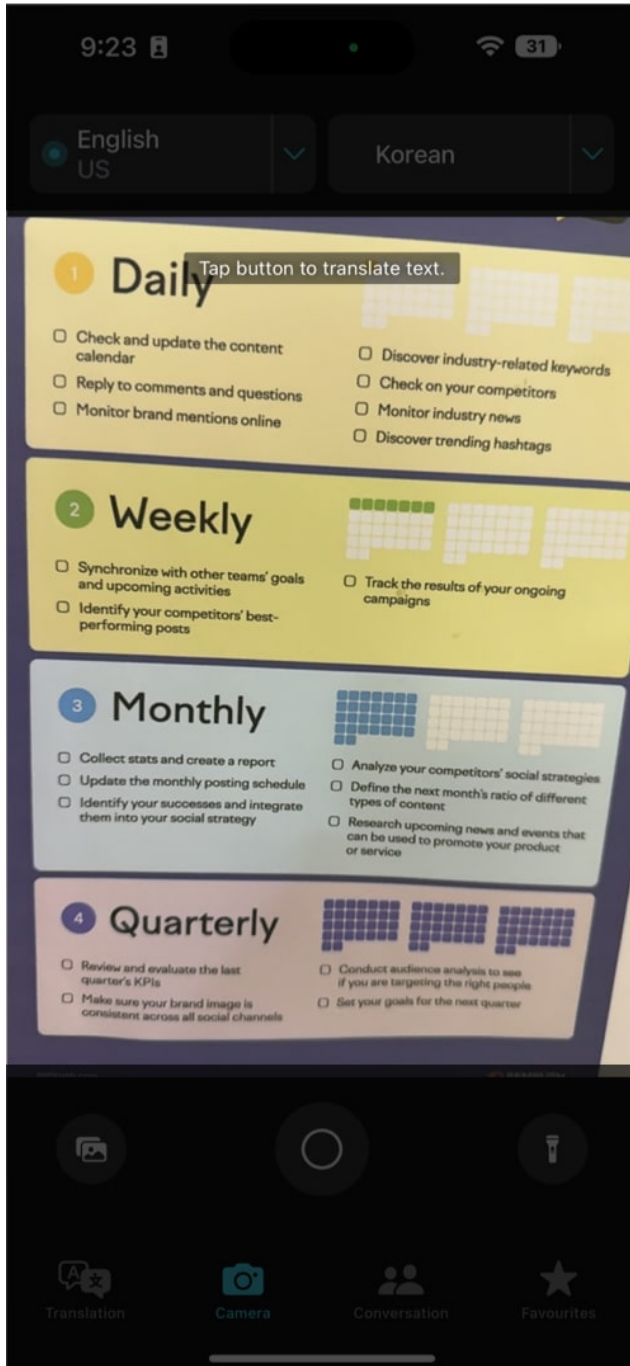
Translate text or voice in Translate app

1. Launch the **Translate** app on your iPhone.
2. Choose **two languages** from the dropdown.
   Select your source language in the first tab and your target language in the second.
3. Then **Enter text**. Alternatively, you may press the **microphone** button and talk.
   - You can choose between **full screen**, **favorite**, **dictionary**, and **play** buttons.
   - You may **Enter text** or tap the **microphone** button to convert more sentences.
   - Tap **three dots** and select **Detect Language** or **Play Translations** as per your needs.

Translate text with iPhone camera view

If you come across a hoarding or a menu written in a language you don't understand, you can use the camera feature of the Translate app and get the desired results. Here's how:
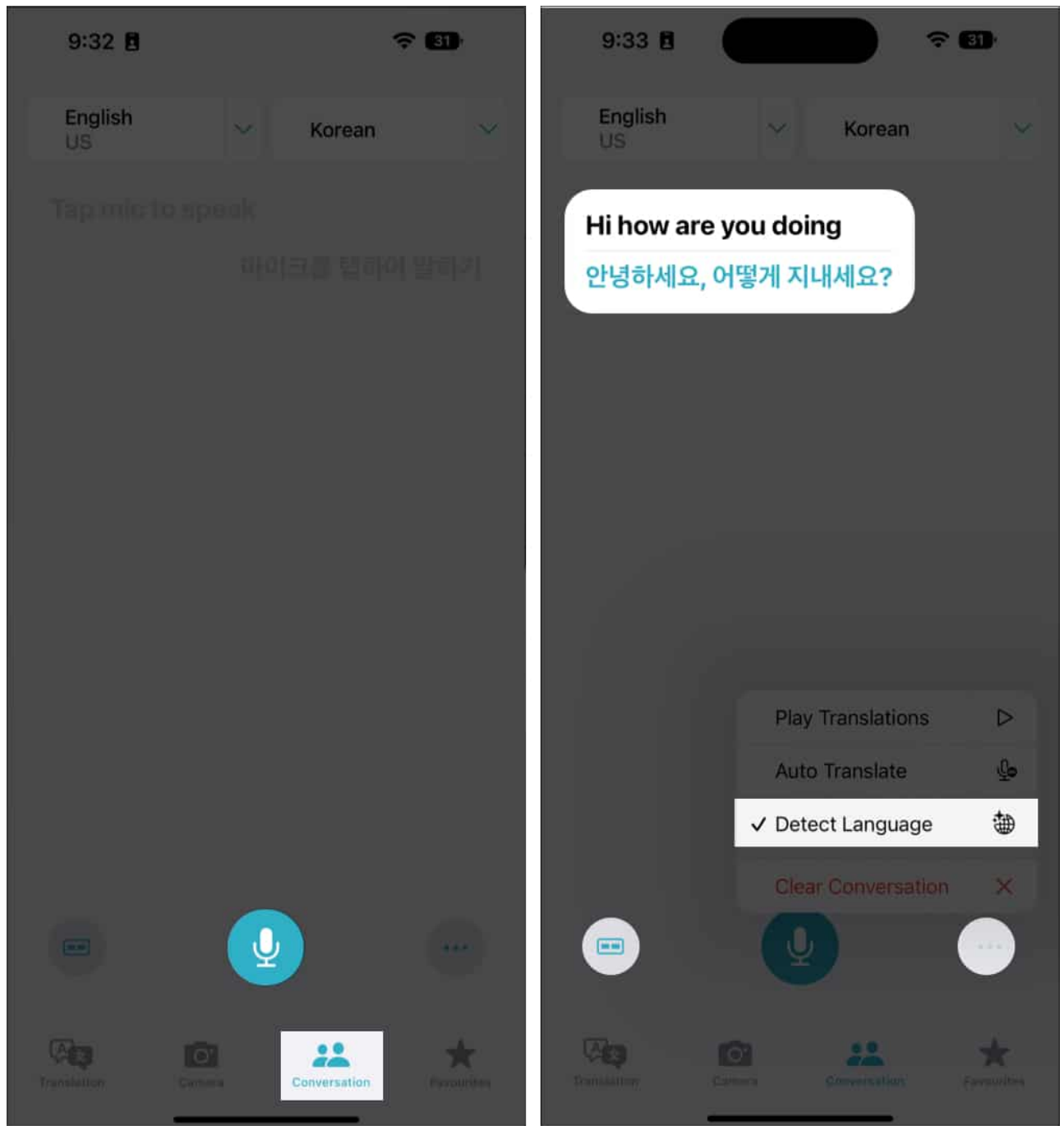
1. Select the **Camera** tab in the Translate app.
2. **Click a photo of the text**, and voila!

Note: You can also change the language from the dropdown above. Additionally, there's an option to add an existing image on your iPhone to translate its text.

Use Conversation mode in Translate app

1. Launch the **Translate** app → **Conversation** tab.
2. Tap the **microphone** to speak.
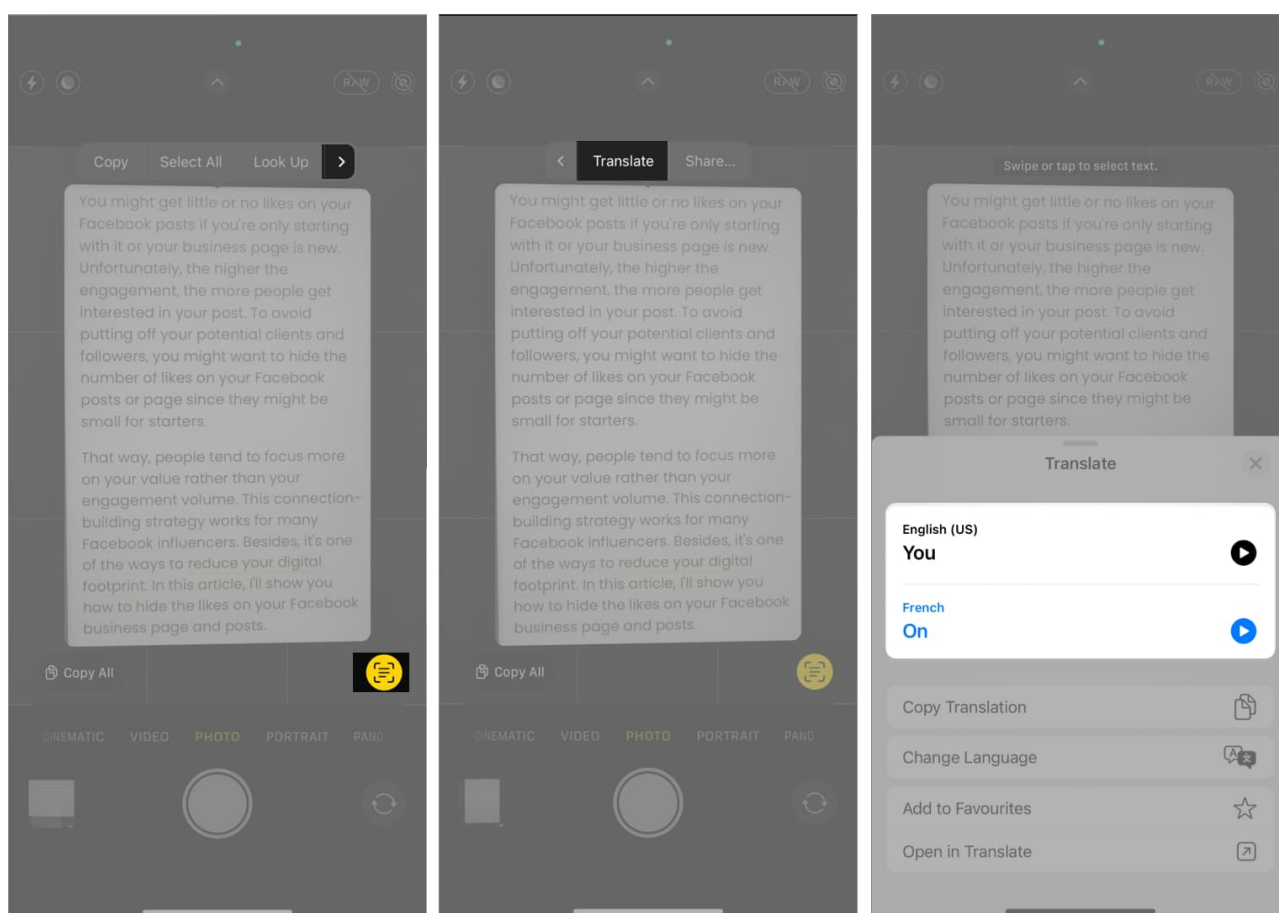   *The app will translate the spoken word/sentence.*

Note: Tap the **alignment** icon at the bottom left to switch between **Side by Side** and **Face to Face**.

Here, you can also tap the **three dots** to choose between Detect Language, Auto Translate, and Play Translation. Auto Translate during a chat lets you translate without continually

touching the microphone button. When you begin or finish speaking, your iPhone will recognize it automatically.
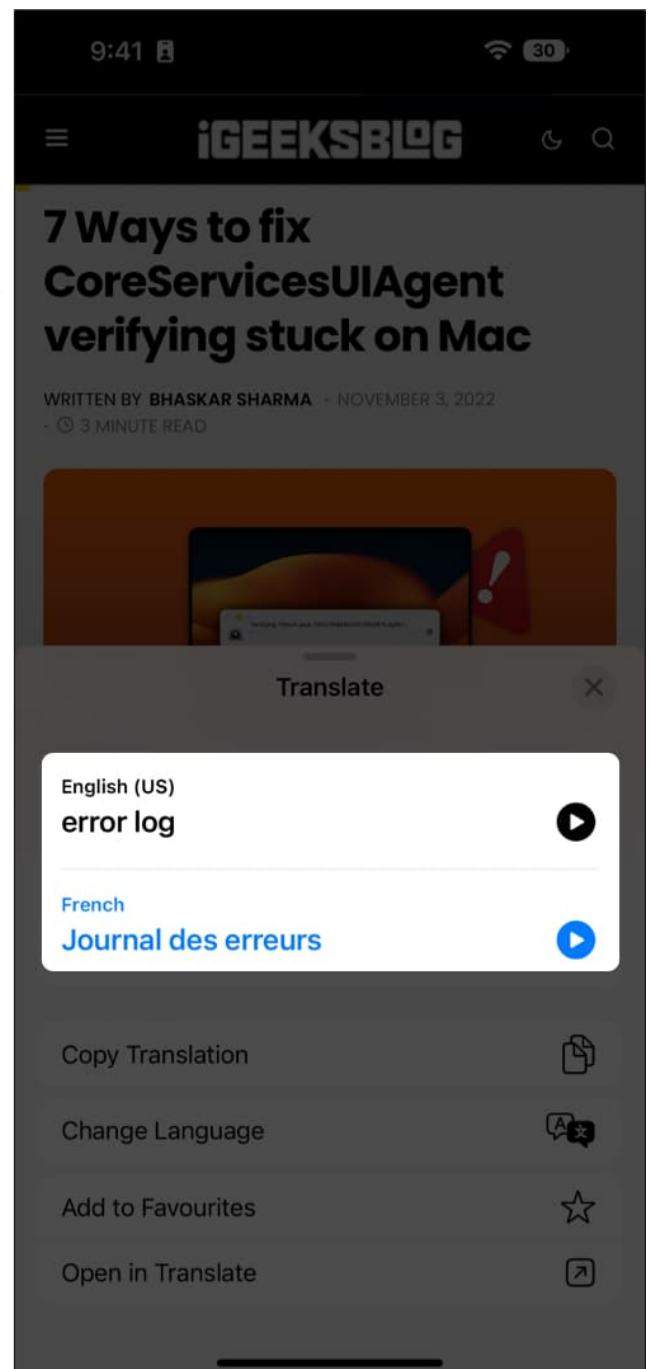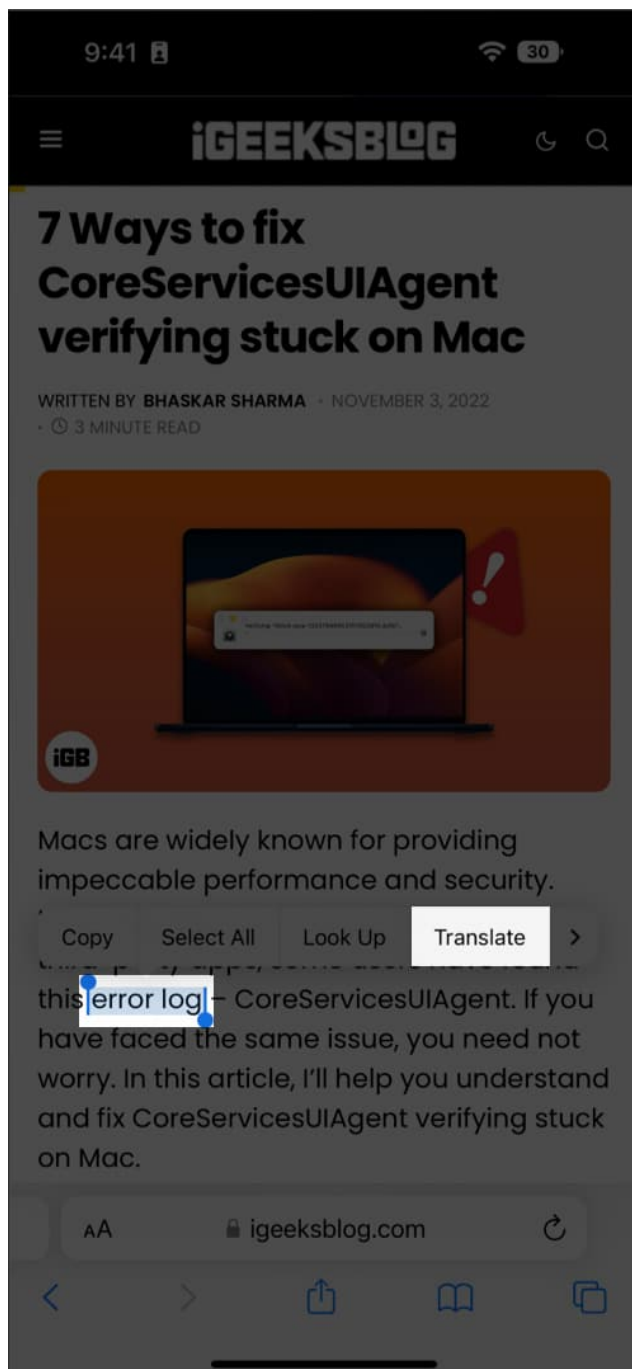
How to use iPhone camera to translate text

1. Launch the **Camera** app on your iPhone.
2. Focus on the text you wish to translate and tap the **live text** button.
3. Tap **>** arrow to slide and select **Translate**.

The translated languages are switchable. You also get options such as Play Translation, Copy Translation, Add to Favorites, and Open in Translator is also available. The text you have marked as a favorite may be checked at any time in the Favorites tab.
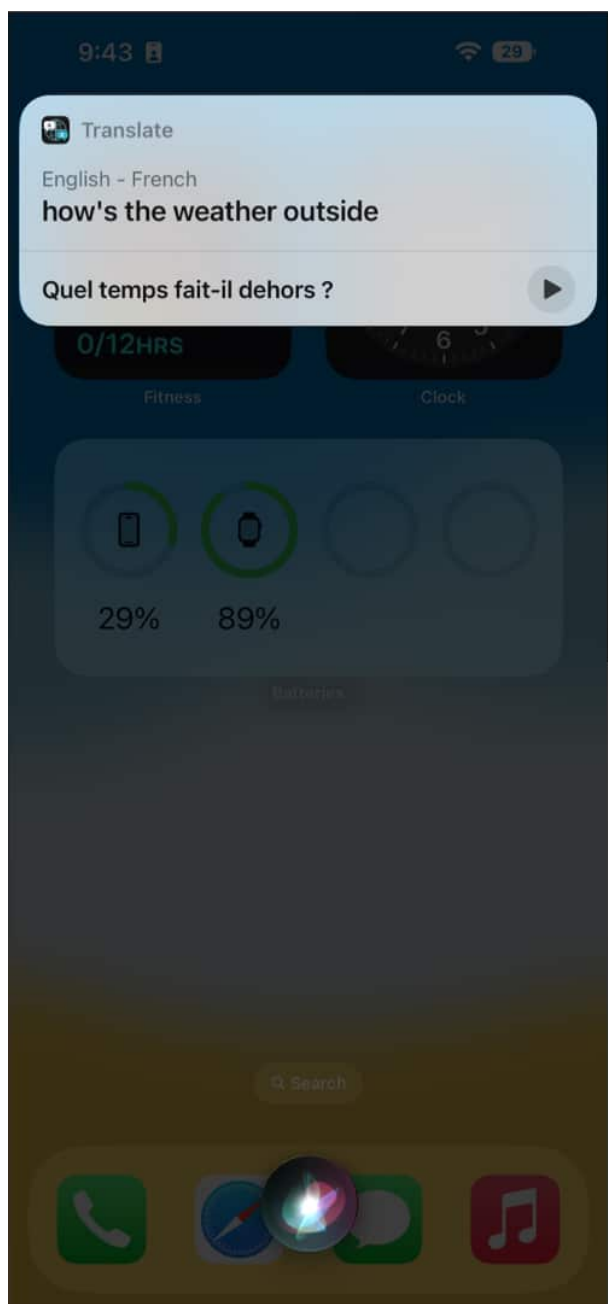
Translate text in images on iPhone

1. Open the **Photos** app.
2. Choose the **image** with the text to be translated.
3. Tap and hold to select the **text** you wish to translate.
4. Tap **Translate**.

Use Siri to translate conveniently on iPhone

1. Invoke Siri by saying, "Hey Siri."
2. Say **Translate** *(something you want to translate)* **to** *(language you want to translate)*.
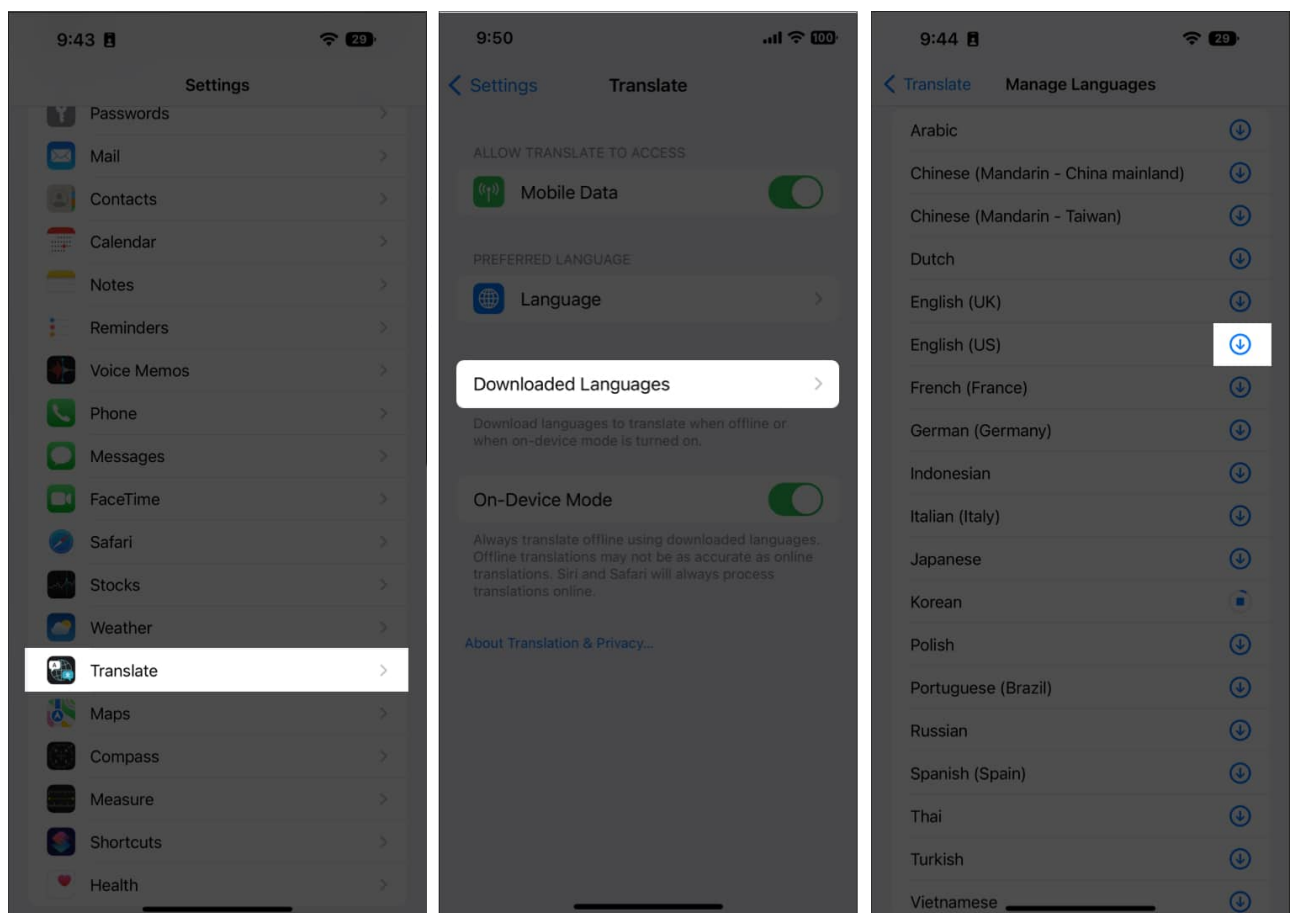
Siri card opens the Translate app when you tap it. You may also tell Siri to *translate this for me*.

Turn on offline mode for Translate app on iPhone

Be sure that you have enabled On-Device Mode to use offline mode. To do so, launch

Settings → Translate → toggle on **On-Device Mode.** Now, let's see how to download languages on the app.

1. Launch the **Settings** app.
2. Scroll down to **Translate**.
3. Tap **Downloaded Languages**.
4. Hit the **download** button in front of the languages you need offline.

Note: Make sure to download two languages, one that is your native and the other that you intend to translate.

Remove a language by swiping right to left in the Available Offline section → tap **Delete**.

Winding Up...

This is how you can use the improved Translate app on iPhone in iOS 17. I hope this guide helped you understand and learn more about this handy app. If you have any questions, please ask via the comments section below.

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- [How to use Google Lens on Mac](#)
- [iOS 16 guide: Features, supported devices, limitations and more](#)
- [Best language translator devices](#)