



translationStudio for the Desktop

Performing Translation in Mother
Tongue Projects

What Is This Presentation About?

In this presentation you learn to:

- Implement MAST steps with translationStudio
- Perform translations
- Use translationStudio resources
- Check and edit translations



As You Translate



- Pray that God would help you make an easily-understandable, Scripturally-accurate translation
- Translate everything that is in the source text language.
- Do not add anything that that is not necessary for comprehension.
- Always do your translation according to the Translation Guidelines (<https://unfoldingword.org/guidelines/>).
- Ensure that you ascribe to the Statement of Faith (<https://unfoldingword.org/faith/>).
- Use the translationWords (<https://unfoldingword.bible/tq/>), translationNotes (<https://unfoldingword.org/tn/>) and translationWords (<https://unfoldingword.org/tw/>) to help you make a better translation. These resources are also available within tS, in the Check view of the project.

Performing Mother Tongue Translation

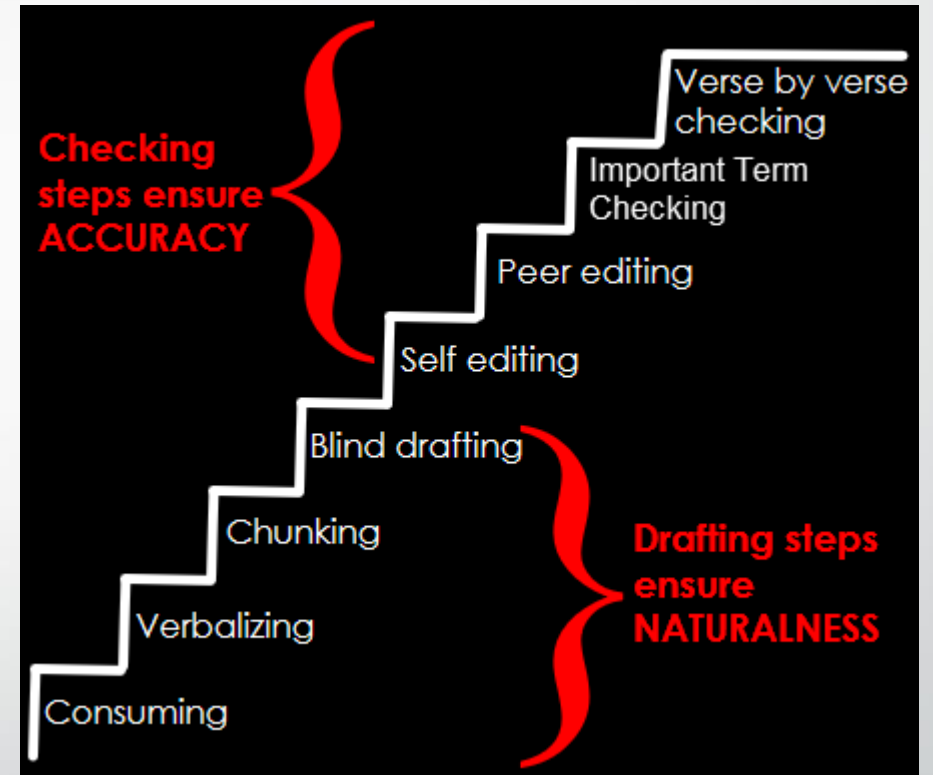
When you translate from English or a Gateway Language into a mother tongue, you:

- Use the MAST process
- Work in a text project in translationStudio

MAST and translationStudio

MAST is a method that :

- Enables rapid and accurate translation of Bible text
- Utilizes native speakers to do translation
- Can be implemented with translationStudio
- Consists of 8 steps



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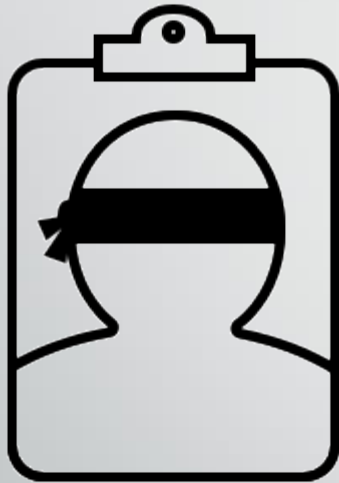


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8. Verse-by-verse check: Back-translate the draft orally while someone checks it against a source text.

Implementing MAST in translationStudio

Consume	In Chapter view, read the entire chapter in the source text.
Verbalize	Do offline
Chunk	Chunking has been done for you. In the Chunk view, read a chunk until you can retell it.
Blind Draft	In Chunk view, click the “paper” behind the source text and translate the chunk; you can’t see the source while you are translating.
Self Check	In Check view, compare translation draft with source and make corrections; use the resources; place the verse markers.
Peer Check	In Check view, have a partner compare translation draft with source and discuss corrections; use the resources to help resolve issues.
Important Terms Check	Check the resources for the key terms
Verse by Verse Check	Can use the resources for in-depth checking

MAST Drafting Steps

- The first four steps of MAST are the drafting steps.



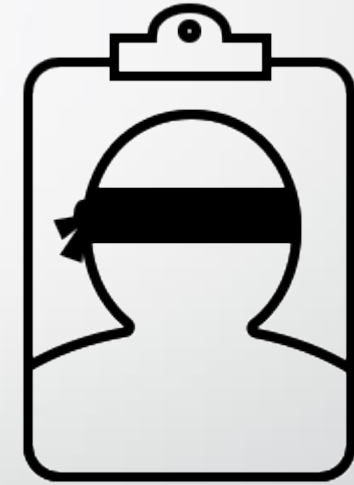
Consume



Verbalize



Chunk



Blind Draft

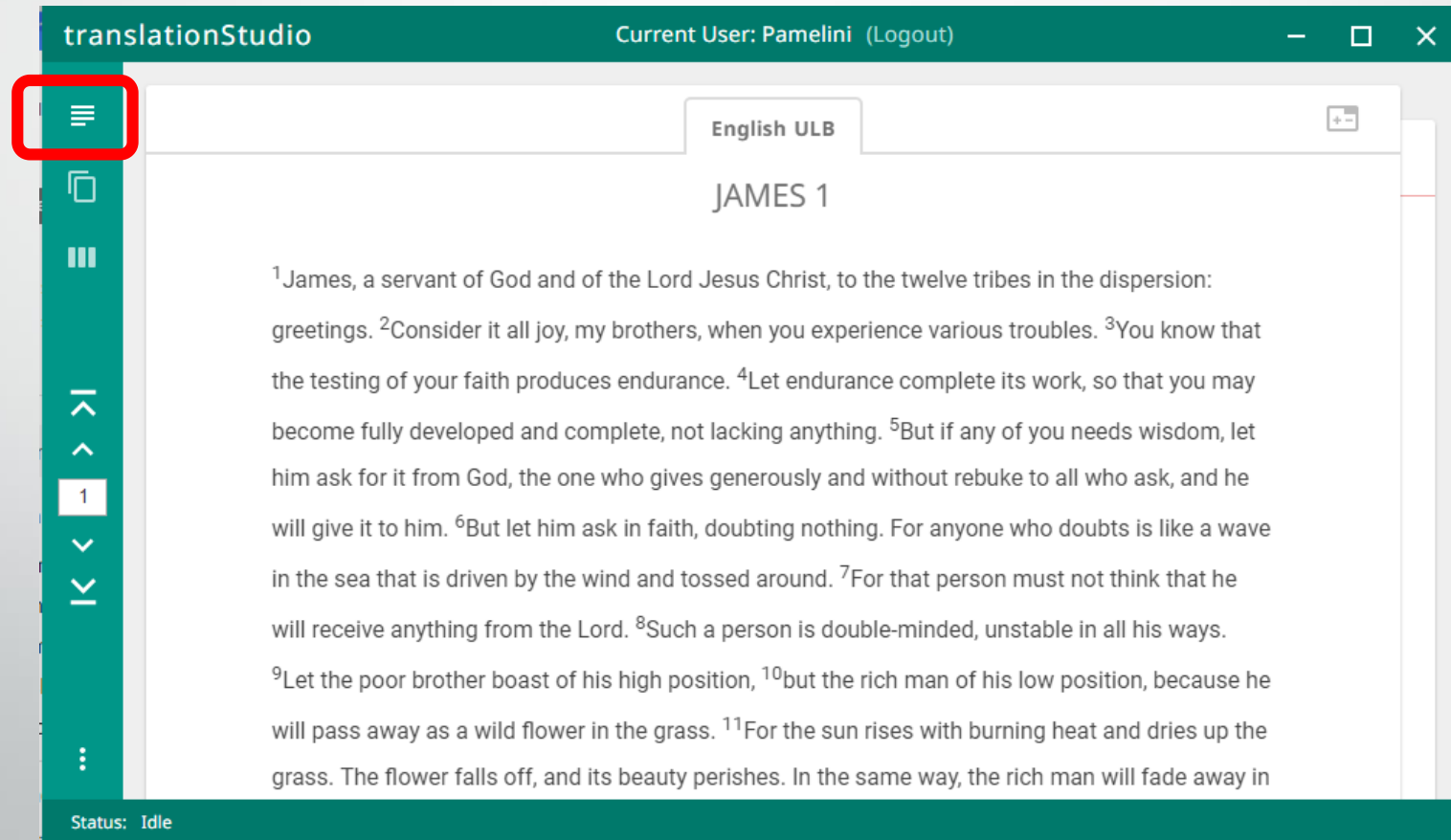
- The result of the drafting steps is a first draft of the translation.

MAST Step 1: Consume

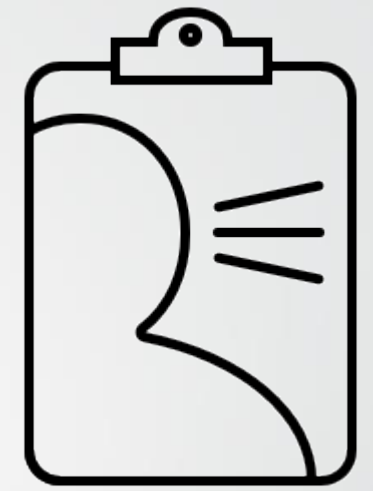


1. In Chapter view, read an entire chapter.
2. Get an overall picture of the story or passage.

Chapter view



MAST Step 2: Verbalize



1. Do this offline.
2. Tell another person what you have read, or just say it out loud if no one else is available.

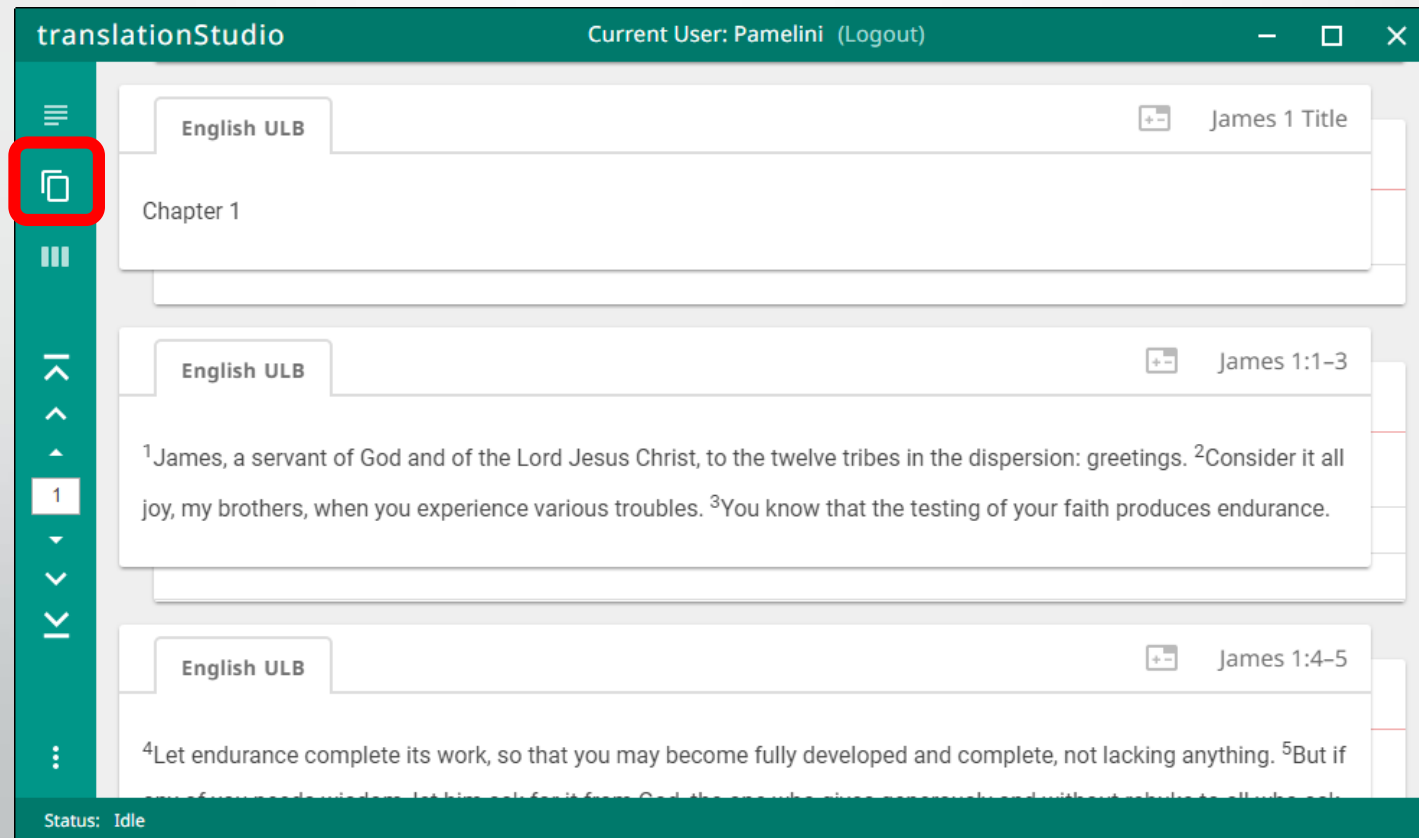


MAST Step 3: Chunk

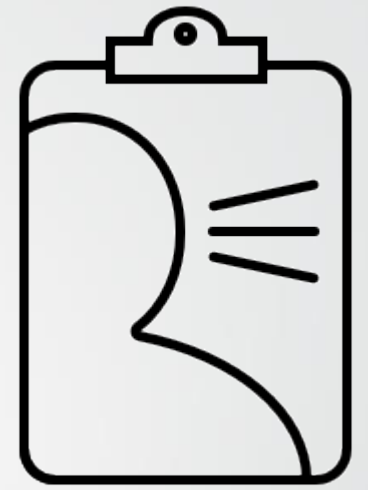


1. The chunking has been done for you.
2. In chunk view, read a section until you think you can translate it without looking.

Chunk view

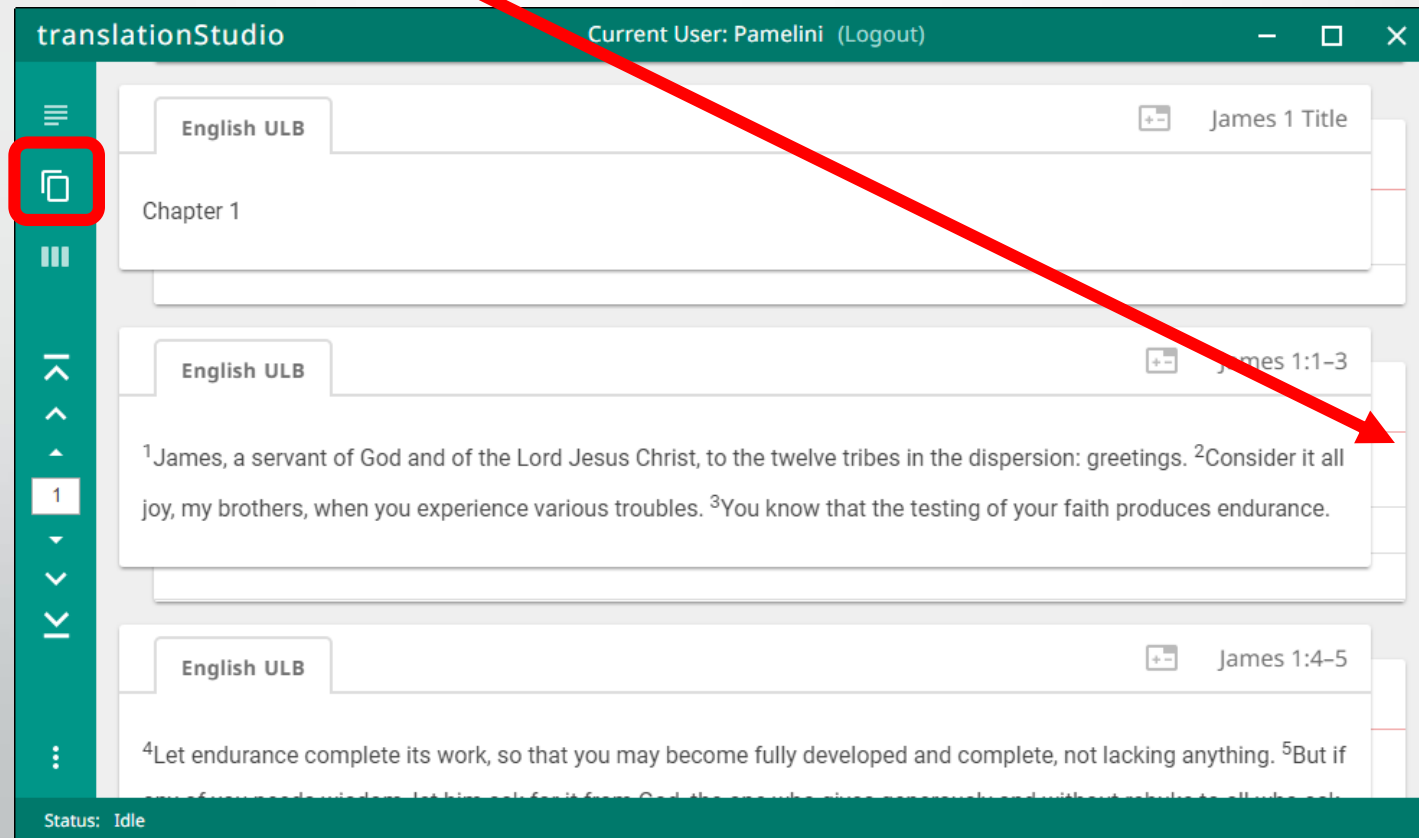


MAST Step 4: Blind Draft

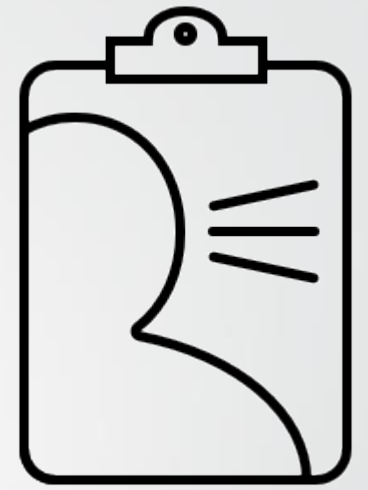


1. Click “piece of paper” behind the chunk.

Chunk view

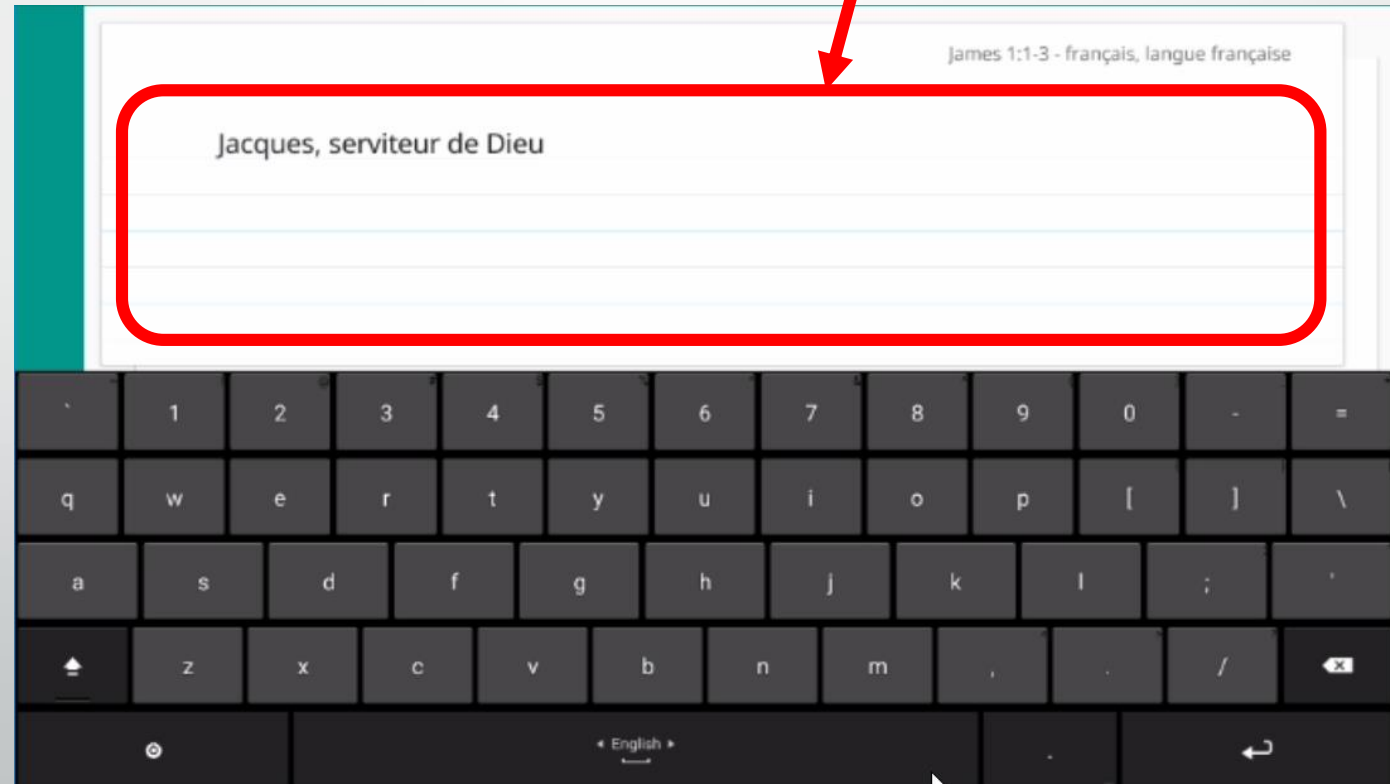


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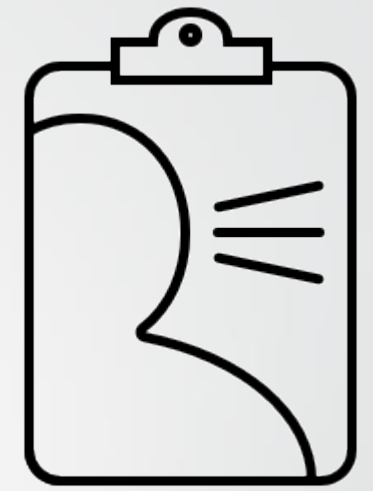


1. Click “piece of paper behind the chunk.”
2. Type your translation of the chunk into the “note card”.

Chunk view –
translation
“note card”

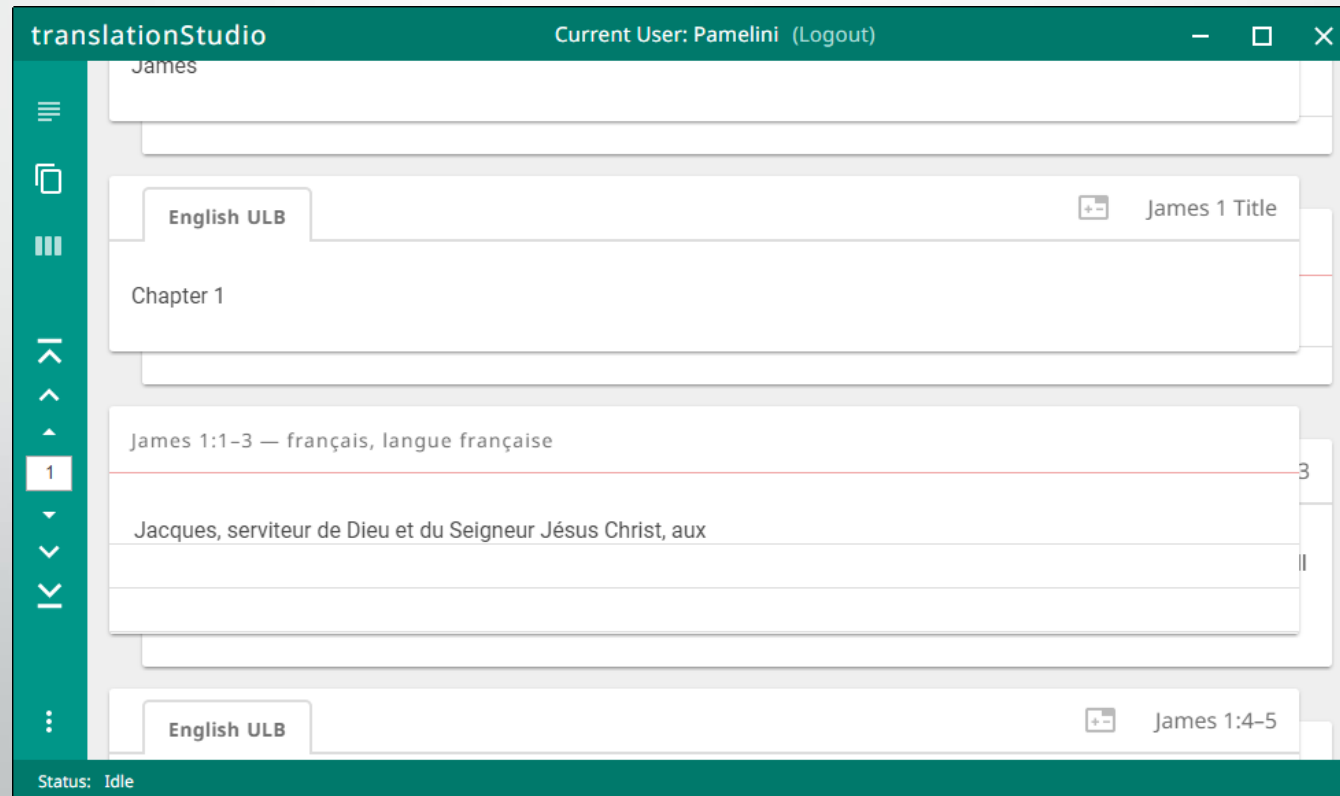


MAST Step 4: Blind Draft



1. Click “piece of paper behind the chunk.
2. Type your translation of the chunk into the “note card”.
3. When done, click “piece of paper” behind translated chunk to return to source.

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MAST Step 4: Blind Draft

1. Click “piece of paper behind the chunk.
2. Type your translation of the chunk into the “note card”.
3. When done, click “piece of paper” behind translated chunk.
4. Translate each chunk in the chapter or passage, one by one.



MAST Checking Steps

- The last four steps of MAST are the checking steps.



Self Edit



Peer Edit



Important Terms Check



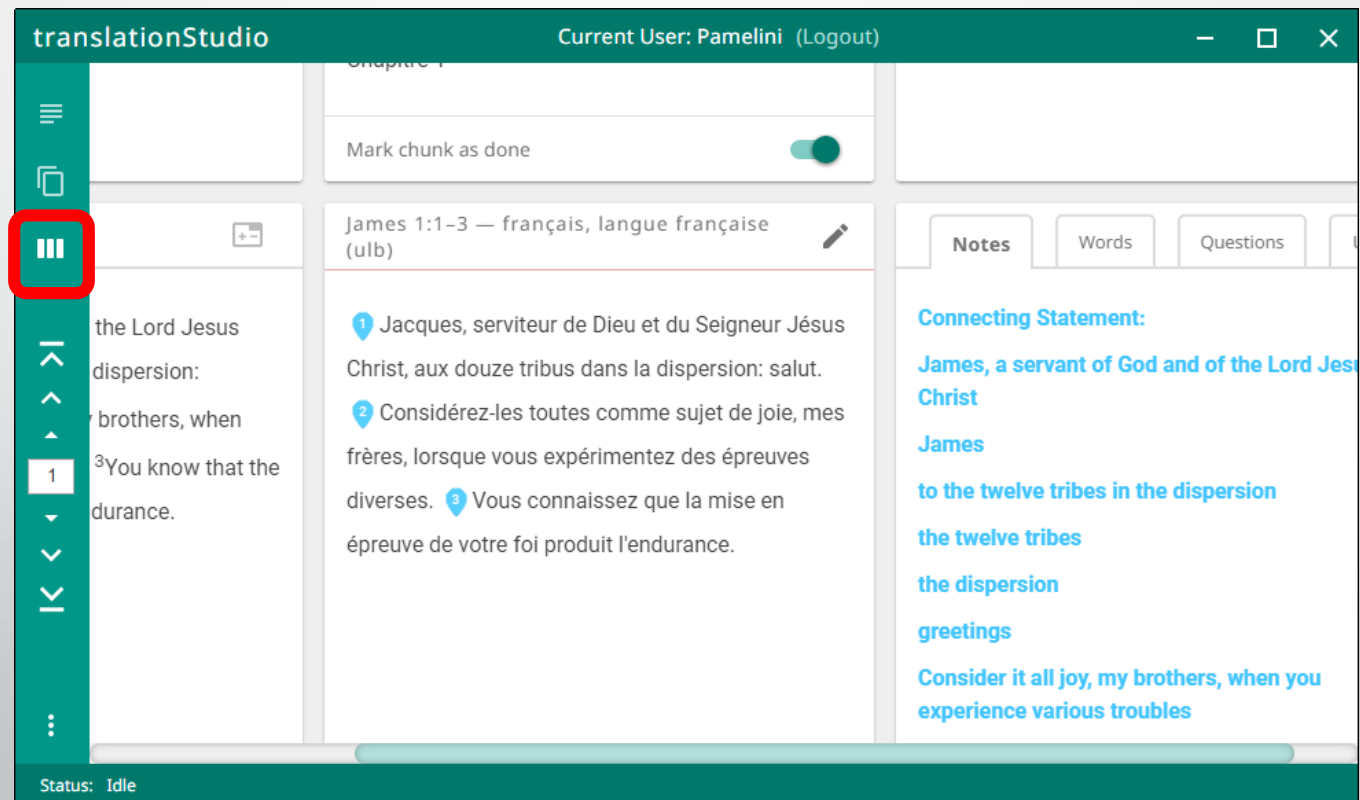
Verse by Verse Check

- The result of the checking steps is a level one checked translation.

Using translationStudio Resources in Checking

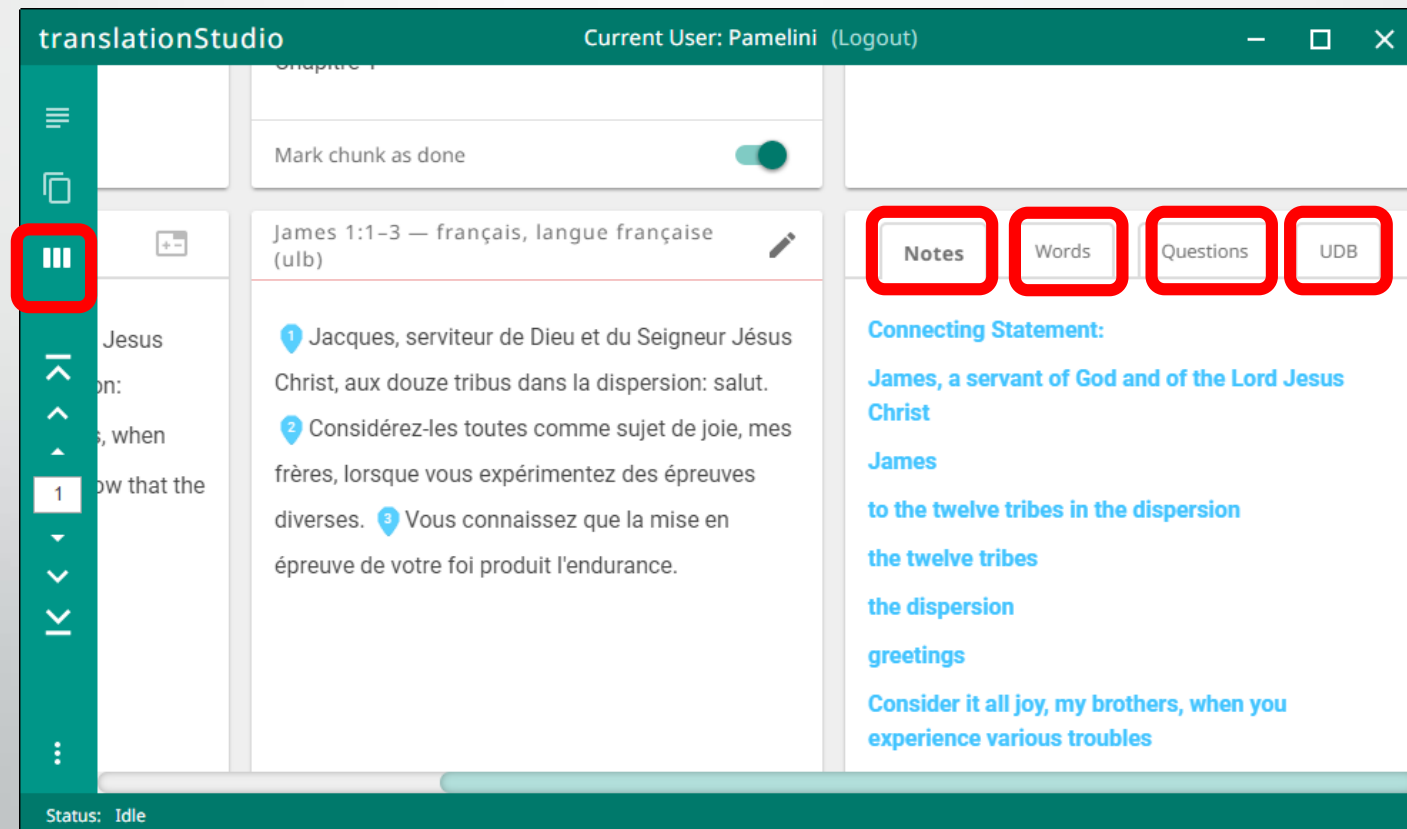
- During any of the checking steps, you can use translationStudio's resources to help.
- In the check view, scroll the screen to the right to show the resources.

Check view



Using translationStudio Resources

- Resources displayed pertain to each chunk.
- Three tabs display the three types of resources:
 - Notes
 - Words
 - Questions
- 4th tab displays the UDB



Using translationNotes

- Notes show detailed information and/or translation suggestions about a word or phrase in the chunk.
- Click the Notes tab.
- Click a note to open it.
- There may be links to additional information.
- Click CLOSE to close the note.

× CLOSE

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ

The phrase "I am" is implied. AT: "I, James, am a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ"

(See: [figs_explicit](#))

Using translationWords

- Words are key words or terms in the passage with definitions, additional information, and/or translation suggestions.
- Click the Words tab.
- Click a word to open it.
- There may be links to other words or additional information.
- Click CLOSE to close the word.

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James (brother of Jesus)

James was a son of Mary and Joseph. He was one of Jesus' younger half-brothers.

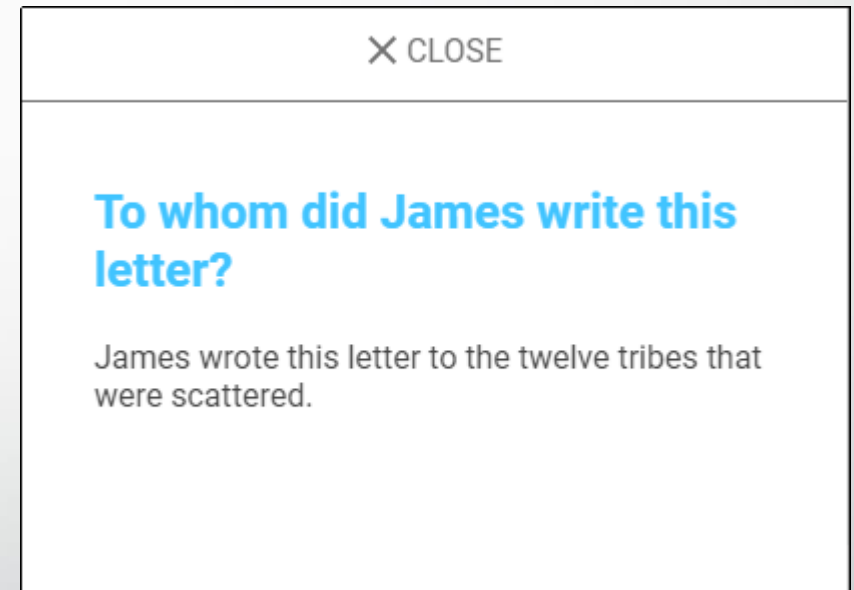
- Jesus' other half-brothers were named Joseph, Judas, and Simon.
- During Jesus' lifetime, James and his brothers did not believe that Jesus was the Messiah.
- Later, after Jesus was raised from the dead, James believed in him and became a leader of the church in Jerusalem.
- The New Testament book of James is a letter that James wrote to Christians who had fled to other countries to escape persecution.

See Also:
[apostle, apostleship](#)
[Christ, Messiah](#)
[church, Church](#)

WORDS INDEX

Using translationQuestions

- Questions can be used in the checking steps to determine if the translation is clear and accurate.
- Click the Questions tab.
- Click a question to open it.
- If someone cannot correctly answer the question just by reading the translation, the translation may not be clear and/or accurate.
- Click CLOSE to close the question.



MAST Step 5: Self Edit



1. In check view you see the source and translation side by side.
2. Compare and make note of changes needed.
3. Click pencil icon to edit.

Check view

The screenshot shows the MAST interface in 'Check view'. On the left is a teal sidebar with navigation icons. The main area is split into two columns. The left column shows the 'English ULB' version of 'Chapter 1', with a red box highlighting the 'Check view' icon (three vertical bars) in the sidebar. The right column shows the 'français, langue française (ulb)' version. The top section is 'James 1 Title' and the bottom section is 'James 1:1-3'. In the French text, a red circle highlights a pencil icon in the top right corner. Two red arrows point from the French text to labels on the right: one points to 'comme' (labeled 'Missing word') and the other points to a missing period at the end of a sentence (labeled 'Missing period').

Missing word

Missing period

MAST Step 5: Self Edit



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5. Click check mark to save.

The screenshot displays the MAST (Machine-Assisted Translation) interface. On the left is a teal sidebar with navigation icons. The main area is split into two columns. The left column, titled 'English ULB', shows 'Chapter 1' and a list of verses. The right column, titled 'James 1 Title — français, langue française (ulb)', shows 'Chapitre 1' and a 'Mark chunk as done' toggle. Below this, a specific verse 'James 1:1-3 — français, langue française (ulb)' is selected, showing a side-by-side comparison of the English and French text. A pencil icon is circled in red next to the French text. The French text itself has several words circled in red: 'toutes', 'lorsque', 'connaissiez', and 'l'endurance'.

English ULB	James 1 Title — français, langue française (ulb)
Chapter 1	Chapitre 1
	Mark chunk as done <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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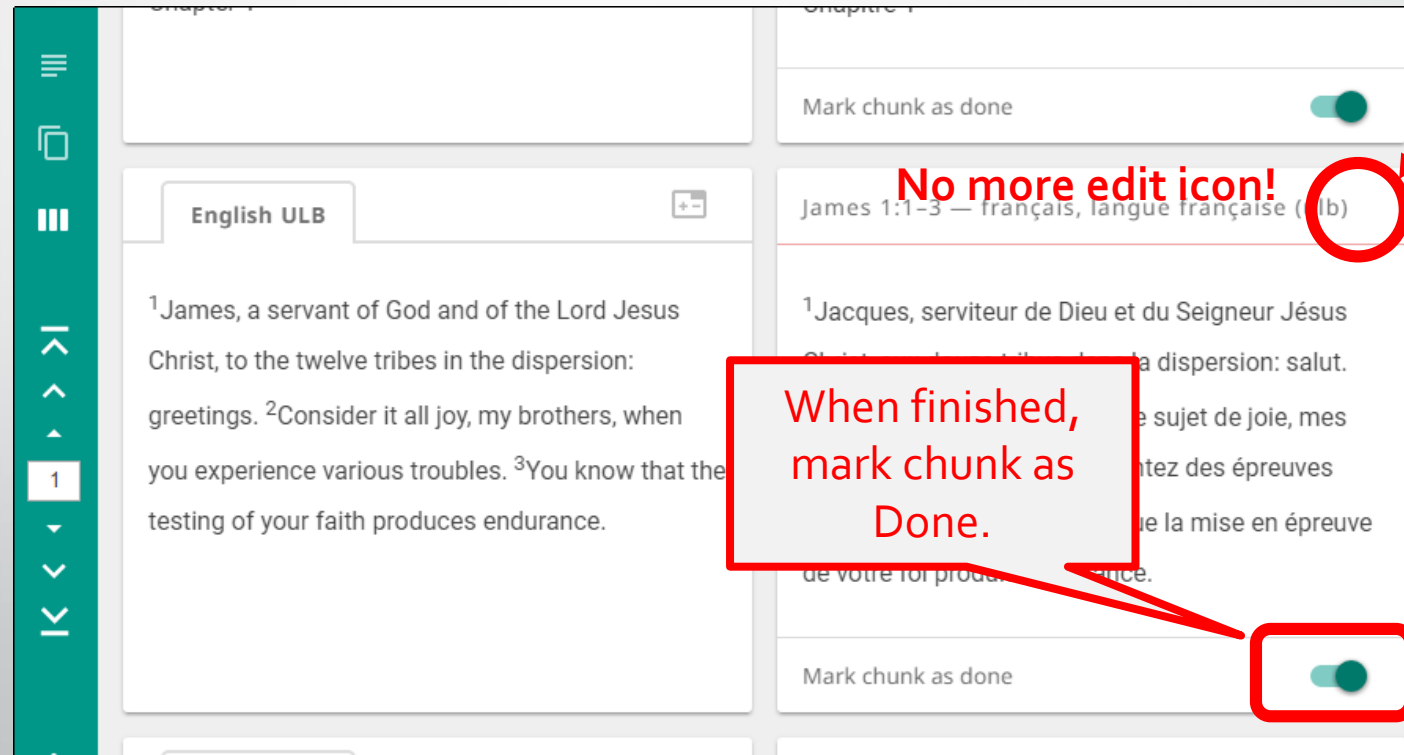
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6. Drag verse markers to the first word of each verse.

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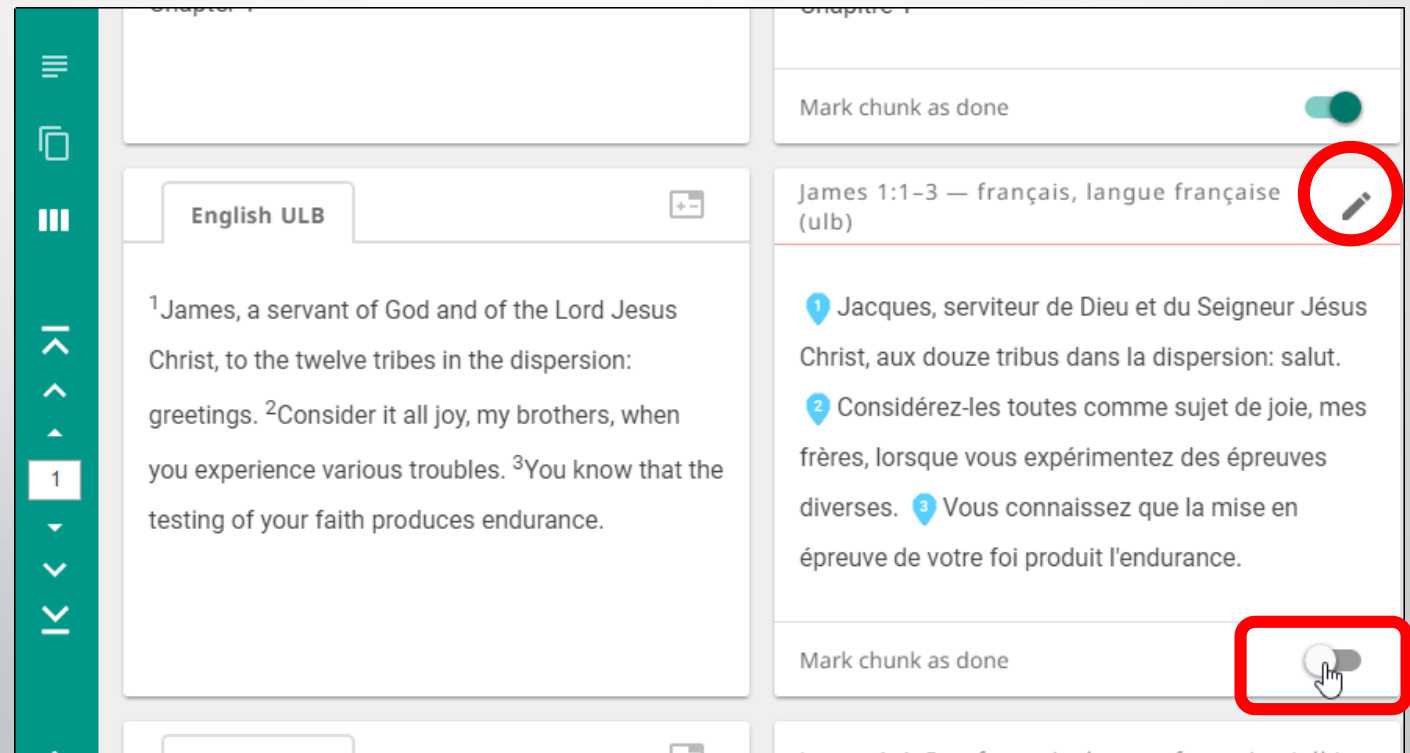
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6. Drag verse markers.
7. Mark chunk complete.
8. Do all chunks in passage.



MAST Step 6: Peer Edit



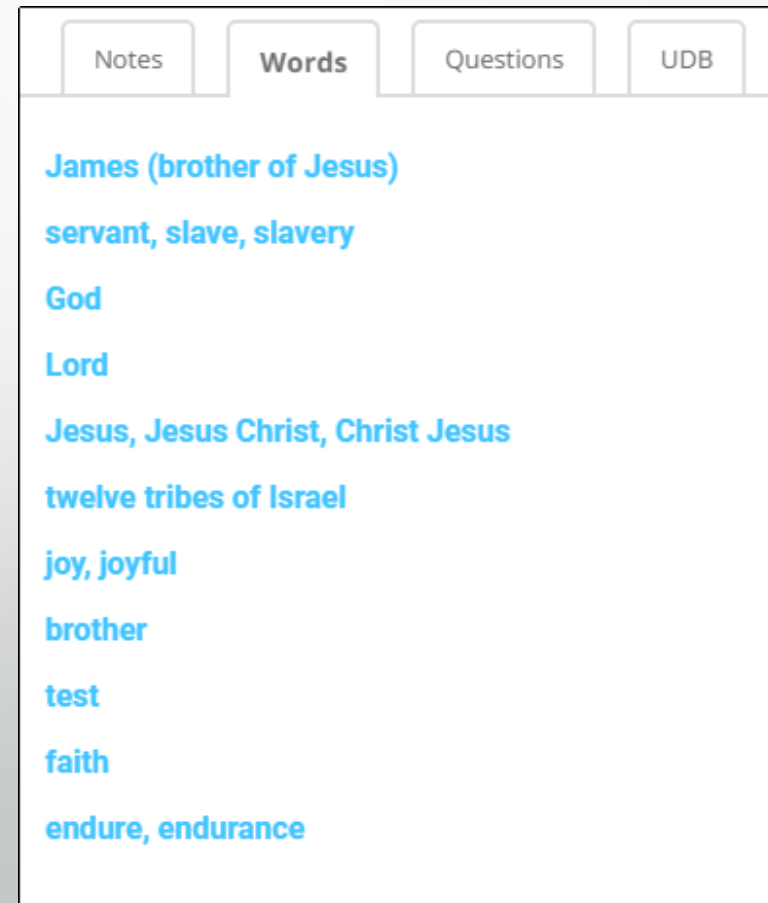
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MAST Step 7: Important Terms Check



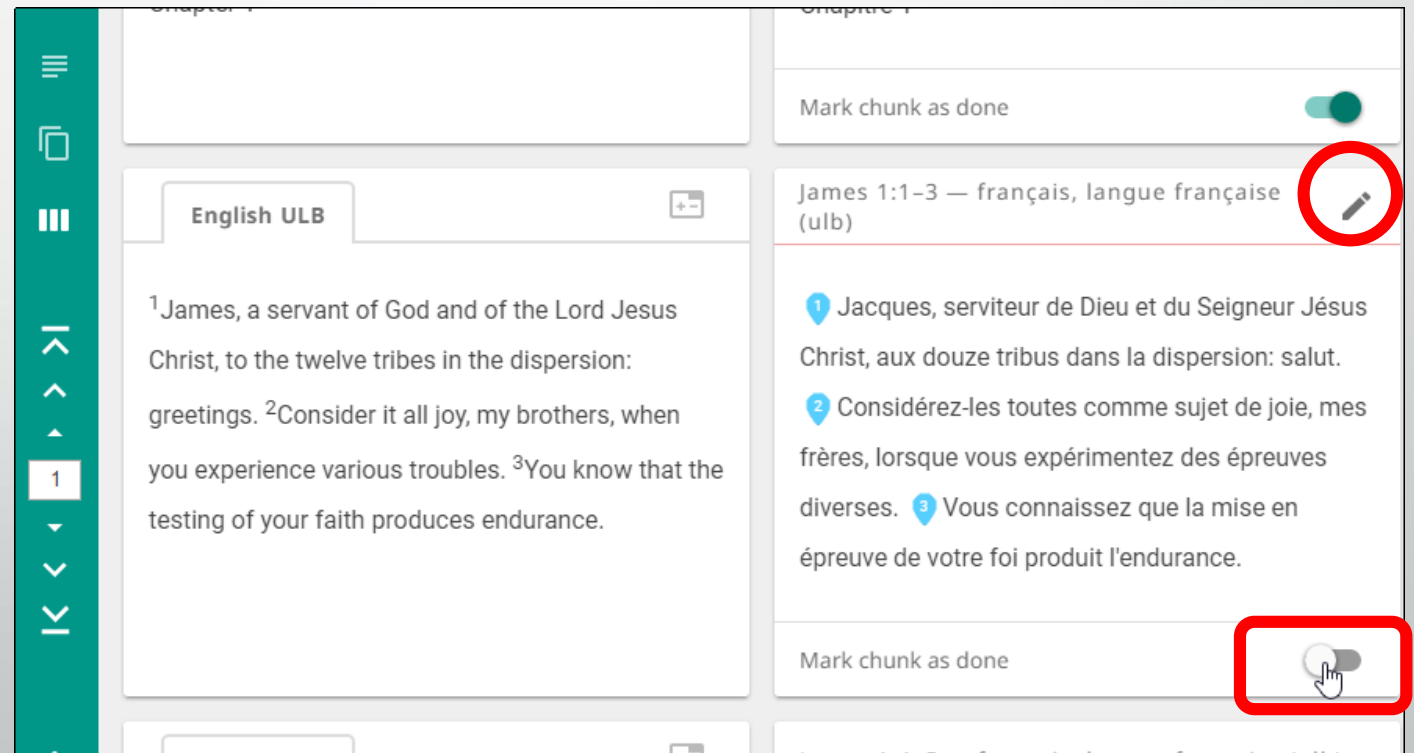
1. Use the translationWords resource.
2. Ensure that all important terms and concepts are:
 - Present in the translation
 - Translated clearly and accurately
 - Translated consistently



MAST Step 8: Verse by Verse Check



1. Orally back-translate your translation into the language of the checker (may need an intermediate interpreter).
2. Checkers compare the meaning with source in their language.
3. Discuss suggested corrections; use the resources to resolve any disputes.
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