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## Getting started tutorial

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This tutorial walks you through the commands to translate text from English to Spanish, and to identify the language of a text sample.

### Before you begin

- Copy the credentials to authenticate to your service instance:
  - ① On the **Manage** page, click **Show** to view your credentials.
  - ② Copy the `API Key` and `URL` values.
- Make sure that you have the `curl` command:
  - The examples use `curl` command to call methods of the HTTP interface. Install the version for your operating system from [curl.haxx.se](http://curl.haxx.se) . Install the version that supports the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol. Make sure to include the installed binary file on your `PATH` environment variable.

**Tip:** This tutorial uses an API key to authenticate. For production uses, make sure that you review the API key [best practices](#).



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### Step 1: Identify language

Use the following example to identify the language of text.

```
$ curl -X POST -u "apikey:{apikey}" --header "Content-Type: text/plain" --data "La
```

### Step 3: Translate a document (Beta) [🔗](#)

Language Translator allows you to translate documents, such as PDFs and Microsoft Office files, while retaining the original formatting. For a tutorial, check out [Translating documents \(Beta\)](#).

### Next steps [🔗](#)

- Learn how to [customize](#) Language Translator to work for your use case
- View the [API reference](#)
- Explore [sample applications](#)
- View language support information:
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