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Chances are, you're paying too much for translations. That's because translators charge by the word and most companies have yet to learn the art of editing.

As an example, let's say you have a technical manual of 50,000 words. You grab your red pen and do some editing, bringing the word count down to 32,000. At an average cost of 25 cents per word, that's a savings of \$4500 per language translated. Three languages? A savings of \$13,500!

So look for ways to edit and get to the essence of the communication. Here are a few suggestions. If it's a technical or instruction manual, leave out the sales pitch. They've already bought your product. If you have boilerplate material like warranty information, consider turning it into a module that will require only one translation and can be used on all your documents. Always ask yourself: "Does the reader need to know this?" and "How can I say this more succinctly?" You'll be glad you did when you see the final translation cost.

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