

The ethics of automation



1. If a human driving a delivery van crashes into a house, who is responsible for the damage? Discuss as a group until you agree on an answer and then write it into your learning journals. Make sure that you justify your answers.
2. If a robot driving a delivery van crashes into a house, who is responsible for the damage? The robot (it only did what it was programmed to do)? The programmer? The company who sold the robot? Or someone/something else? Discuss as a group until you agree on an answer and then write it into your learning journals. Make sure that you justify your answers.
3. If we replace a delivery driver with a robot, what happens to the driver? They will lose their job and their income. Is this trade worth it if it improves delivery times? Explain why or why not by first discussing as a group and then writing an answer in your learning journals.



4. How could the government or us as a society support this person who has lost their job because they were replaced by a robot? Discuss as a group and then write your recommendations into your learning journals.