

## A fully automated world

**1. Read the quote. Say if you think it is true or not and why.**

*“One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.”*

# Elbert Hubbard

**2. Read the facts about technological progress. Then, select the correct meaning of the highlighted adjectives.**

- a) **Automated** technology helped to make the working week shorter.
  - 1) done by people
  - 2) done by machines or computers, not by people
- b) There are about 22,000 apps for **mental** health available today.
  - 1) related to the mind or its health
  - 2) related to the heart or its health
- c) The more people use social media the more they are likely to feel **isolated**.
  - 1) happy and socially active
  - 2) alone and sad because there is no one around
- d) 210 million people worldwide are **addicted** to social media.
  - 1) not able to stop doing something
  - 2) not using something
- e) As of 2022, two in ten Americans think that self-driving cars will never be **reliable** enough.
  - 1) working well and without any problems, safe
  - 2) fast and cheap
- f) The number of **smart** devices in the American home has grown from 11 to 25 since 2019.
  - 1) helping with household tasks
  - 2) connected to the internet, using computer technology
- g) The most expensive piece of **digital** art, called *Everydays: The First 5000 Days*, sold for 69.3 million US dollars.
  - 1) not real
  - 2) related to computers or the internet
- h) Smartphones at work are a **handy** tool that makes employees more productive.
  - 1) useful
  - 2) useless

3. Say which of the facts in ex. 2 are the most surprising/shocking for you.

4. Complete the statements about the advantages and disadvantages of technology with the words in ex. 2. Say which ones you disagree with.

ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
a) ..... art, books and games are great sources of entertainment.	e) Technology makes our lives busier.
b) New technological inventions help education, science and healthcare develop faster.	f) We have become ..... to technology. This has a negative effect on our ..... health: we become less active, we think less and are more .....
c) ..... devices can do simple and boring tasks, which lets people do more creative jobs.	g) Technology replaces people in the workplace.
d) Technology has become a ..... tool for tourism: now it's so easy to book a trip wherever you want.	h) Technology is smarter, but less ..... . Devices break down and become out of date too fast.

5. You are going to watch a video called 'The last job on Earth: imagining a fully automated world'. Discuss what it might be about.

6. Watch the [video](https://youtu.be/Yvs7f4UaKLo) [https://youtu.be/Yvs7f4UaKLo]. Then, retell the story using the beginnings.

- The house that we see at the beginning...
- The world in the video...
- Because of the technology in the video, people...
- In the end, Alice...

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**7. Watch the video again and answer the questions.**

- a) How does Alice's morning routine look?
- b) What are the problems of the automated world that the story tells us about?

**8. Discuss the questions.**

- Would you like to live in the world from the video?
- Do you think the future will look like this?
- At the end of the video, we see a quote by a professor of computer science: "Machines could take 50% of jobs in the next 30 years." How do you feel about this statement?

**9. Look at the list of technologies shown in the video. Choose one you would like to talk about and answer the questions.**

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| • Catbot 2.0                  | • medical robot              |
| • smart mirror                | • driverless cars            |
| • smart wardrobe              | • VR glasses                 |
| • ads made especially for you | • automated staff management |

- a) Would you like to have this technology? Why?
- b) How can this technology change the world of the future for the better?
- c) What are some dangers of this technology?

