



Things Humans Can't Do... Yet (C2)

A. WARM-UP QUESTIONS

- 1.If you could add one ability to humans, what would it be-and why?
- 2.Would you consider getting a brain implant in your lifetime?
- 3.Which science-fiction idea feels closest to reality now?
- 4.Is longer life always a good thing? Explain.
- 5.What 'impossible' skill would change your job the most?

B. VOCABULARY PREVIEW

Match up as many words and meanings as you can. (Definitions are shuffled.)

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| ___ 1. extrapolate | a. to improve a natural ability with technology |
| ___ 2. telepathy | b. to grow back a lost or damaged part |
| ___ 3. bioluminescence | c. to rise or float in the air |
| ___ 4. hibernate | d. to make food from sunlight, like plants |
| ___ 5. photosynthesize | e. to bend or twist (often space or time in fiction) |
| ___ 6. regenerate | f. the capacity to feel and be conscious |
| ___ 7. levitate | g. producing light from a living body |
| ___ 8. quantum | h. communication by directly reading thoughts |
| ___ 9. warp | i. to predict by extending known information |
| ___ 10. augment | j. to sleep for a long period to save energy |
| ___ 11. longevity | k. long life or a long time of good health |
| ___ 12. sentience | l. relating to the smallest physical levels of energy |



CRITICAL THINKING

Choose one 'impossible' ability. Outline the biology or physics that blocks it, the current research path, and a realistic near-term substitute.

