

1 Robots in our Lives

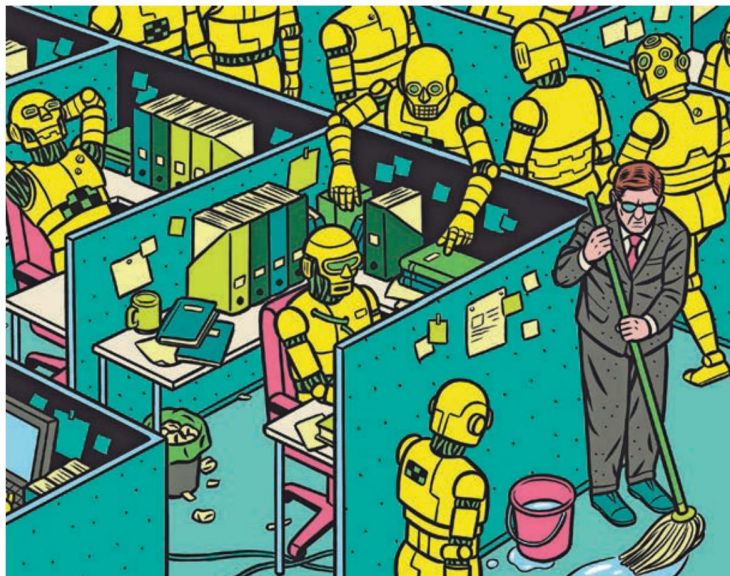
What role will robots play in the future?

1 Our jobs stolen by robots!

Here are a few predictions made by scientists about the jobs robots will do in the future. Try to place the following jobs on the timeline.



- (a) A.I. could write a bestselling novel.
- (b) Self-driving trucks could replace truckers.
- (c) Surgeons could be replaced by robots.
- (d) Retail jobs could be performed by machines.
- (e) Military robots will replace all human soldiers on the battlefield.



2 Meet Sophia

A. Look at the still on the right. What do you think about this robot?

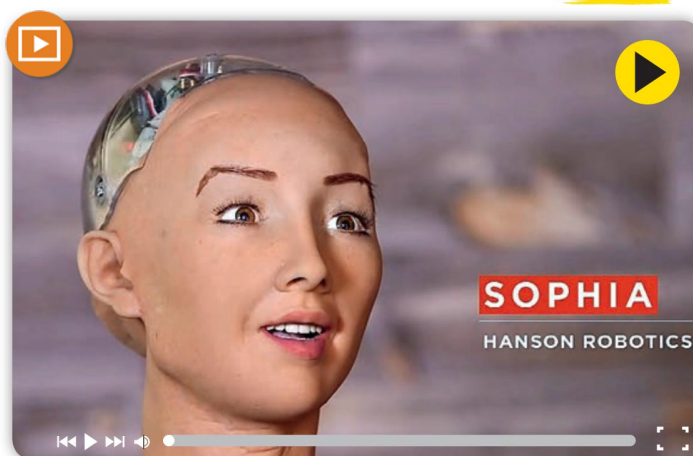
B. Pairwork. Watch the video.

- **Pupil A** focuses on: Sophia's functions, appearance and capacities / her plans for the future / her problem today.

- **Pupil B** focuses on: Why Hanson Robotics develops humanoid robots / Sophia's interests / Hanson Robotics' goal for Sophia / Dr Hanson's predictions about robots.

C. Share your answers and get ready to report back to the class.

D. Class discussion. Comment on Sophia's answer to the last question.



HELP

Nouns

- artificial intelligence /ɑːtɪfɪʃəl ɪn'telɪdʒəns/
- facial /'feɪʃl/ expressions
- wires /waɪəz/ = cables /'keɪblz/

Adjectives

- alarming = worrying, troubling
- helpful = useful
- lifelike = that seems to be real
- self-sufficient = autonomous
- thrilling /'θrɪlɪŋ/ = extremely exciting

Verbs & expressions

- be aware of = conscious of
- harm someone
- assist = help
- provide for someone