**HOME READING ASSIGNMENT**

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I Language Story – vocabulary and language functions

Find at least 10 words and phrases used to describe robots, both physically and psychologically. Classify them according to various semantic and grammatical criteria.

1. Terrible Machines
2. Dangerous
3. Advanced
4. Red eyes
5. Metal Idiots
6. Intelligent beings
7. Cleaner and better than humans
8. Superior to human
9. Pieces of metal with electricity
10. Well Designed.

II Text Study

Chose at least ONE story, briefly describe the ‘problem’ and how it was resolved (around 10 sentences, 150-200 words)

Story 3 – Reason!

In the 3rd story, the problem was around the robot called “QT-1” (cutie) and how Greg Powell and Michael Donovan told the robot that they built him. No sound came from QT but the only sound came from the Beam Director that was in a room far below the officers’ room.

The QT robots were very intelligent but no one knew what they thought. He was there silent, and with his big red eyes staring at the man on the other side of the table. Later after the engineers started explaining Cutie how he was made, he was haunted by the question of existence. He only thought about everything logically.

Powell tried to explain to him what was the cause of his existence and how he was built, but the robot denied any of that. He didn’t believe that he came to life through the process of engineering.

After sometime passed Cutie started believing that his purpose was to serve the Converter. He believed that the Converter is the Master of everything and how Powell and Donovan were just inferior beings who already served their purpose.

The solution to this problem (if you can even call it a solution) is that they went along with it. They were scared that the robot couldn’t control the Beam correctly and that would end up destroying part of Earth. When the storm came they saw that the robot was capable of controlling it so they left him there to control the Beam and they came back to the Earth.

III Essay Writing

Write a short essay (around 20 sentences, 350 words) in which you will express your opinion on **ONE** of the following topics:

‘I like robots better than I like human beings. I’d like to see a robot governing the world.’ Do you agree with Dr Calvin’s opinion?

The World is different nowadays. Technology is becoming more and more equivalent in our daily lives. We are depending on robots more and more each day, and they are starting to replace us. Factories are using robots more and more in creating new materials and assembling them together faster and with very high precision. You don’t need a human to do that anymore.

Even at home we have them in our smartphones, implemented as Siri if you’re using an I phone or as Google Assistant if you’re using an Android.

They aren’t mechanical but they are still A.I. that is surely growing it’s own mindset.

Robots are useful, they don’t get tired and they don’t need water or food or to sleep. They don’t exactly need anything except the electricity. The robot doesn’t exactly have an emotion and it’s made to follow the rules with no questions. It’s basically a perfect slave, without an objection.

In my case I would like to see a robot govern the world if it’s made with these kind of sets of rules like the ones mentioned in the story, or if it can learn the difference between right and wrong.

I would gladly accept a robot as a president for example if those conditions exist, but otherwise, if we have a brainless machine that is commanded by a code or a script that a human wrote, that on the other hand is quite bothersome.

You may ask why is that, well it can be used as a weapon like everything today in our society, or it can be used as a terrorist attack or even worse, it can develop it’s own sense of morality and eventually eradicate all humans off of earth.

But that is how I would like to see robots in the future because todays robots are kind of dumb metallic assets that can help us in everyday life.

These conditions are hard to meet and I think that you can even call it impossible right now, but if we were to have that kind of technology that can make a robot have it’s own senses and it’s own mind, that knows the difference between right and wrong, then yes, surely, I would like to see a robot governing the world.