

Could Artificial Intelligence Become Our Ultimate Companion?

Level 2: Intermediate

1 - Warmer

a. Discuss these questions:

1. How do you use technology in your daily life?
2. Would you like to have a robot or AI assistant at home? Why or why not?
3. What is something an AI robot could do to make your life easier?

2 - Key words

a. Match the correct word to each definition. Then find and highlight them in the article to read them in context:

decision

helpful

companion

problem

intelligent

emotion

robot

conversation

1. a machine that can do tasks automatically
2. someone or something you spend time with
3. able to learn and understand things
4. a choice made after thinking
5. a strong feeling like happiness or sadness
6. talking with someone
7. willing to help
8. something difficult to deal with

3 - Comprehension Check

a. Answer the questions using information from the article:

1. What is an AI robot designed to do?
2. How can AI robots help people feel less lonely?
3. Why is it important to be careful with the information we share with AI systems?
4. What are some benefits of AI being available 24/7?
5. How is talking to an AI different from talking to a person?

4 - Key Language

a. Decide if the words in bold in these sentences from the article refer to the Present (Pr) or the Past (Pa):

1. AI **is helping** people feel less lonely. (Pr / Pa)
2. The first AI systems **were built** many years ago. (Pr / Pa)
3. Some robots **are learning** to understand emotions. (Pr / Pa)
4. In the past, these systems **did not understand** human speech. (Pr / Pa)
5. AI systems **can work** all day without a break. (Pr / Pa)

b. Complete the sentences using the correct words from the box:

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1. The program, _____ **created to help elderly people**, has been very successful.
2. Robots, _____ **becoming more common in homes**, can help with simple tasks.
3. The AI system, _____ **tested last year**, is now available to the public.
4. The devices, _____ **designed for children**, can teach them new skills.

5 - In Your Own Words

a. List some advantages and disadvantages of having an AI companion. Use these questions to guide your ideas:

- How can AI make life easier?
- Are there tasks that only humans should do?
- Can AI help us solve problems, or could it create new problems?
- What should we be careful about when using AI?

b. Present your ideas to the class. Use these phrases to help structure your presentation:

- "AI can be helpful because..."
- "One disadvantage of AI is..."
- "AI might cause problems if..."
- "Unlike people, AI cannot..."

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1. Imagine having a robot or computer that understands you and helps you every day. This is becoming more possible with AI (Artificial Intelligence). AI systems are now being used to support people in many ways, like talking to the elderly, helping with mental health, or teaching languages.
2. These systems use special programs to learn about their users. For example, they can notice when someone is sad and try to help them feel better. However, they are not like humans. They don't have real feelings or emotions.
3. One problem is that people might think of AI as human. This can be confusing because robots cannot truly understand us or feel love, sadness, or friendship. People may also depend too much on AI and stop spending time with other humans.
4. Another issue is privacy. AI needs a lot of information to work well, like what we say or how we feel. It is important to make sure this information is safe and not shared without permission.
5. Still, AI can be very useful. It can help people who are lonely, assist in learning new skills, and be available anytime. Unlike humans, AI does not get tired or need breaks, so it is always there to help.
6. In the future, AI might become even better at understanding and helping people. But we must think carefully about how we use it and make sure it is safe for everyone.

6 - Discussion

a. Discuss these statements:

- "AI robots could become our best friends in the future."
- "We should only use AI to help with tasks, not for emotional support."
- "AI could make life better, but it also needs rules."

7 - Homework: Write two sentences about this topic:

Homework: Write a short paragraph about this topic:

"Would you want an AI robot as your friend? Why or why not?" Use examples from the article to explain your answer.