

FCE LISTENING

Look at the following pictures and read the newspaper headlines and dictionary definition.



robot /ˈrɒbɒt/ noun [c]:
a a machine that can do work by itself, often work that humans do
b a machine that looks and talks like a human, and can do many of the things humans do

Hospital takes delivery of robot



Company reveals robot with 'sense of smell and taste'

Robot dog – the perfect companion

Match the words in the box with those that have a similar meaning below. Use a dictionary if you need to.

give away	exhaustive	display	recognise	the elderly	willing to	get a bad press
menacing	set out (a plan)	object of humour	growing accustomed to	eventually		

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| 1. prepared to, open to _____ | 7. threatening, dangerous _____ |
| 2. getting used to _____ | 8. at some point _____ |
| 3. complete, including all elements _____ | 9. old people _____ |
| 4. explain, describe _____ | 10. something/someone people laugh at _____ |
| 5. show _____ | 11. perceive, realise _____ |
| 6. tell something secret _____ | 12. to be criticised _____ |

You will hear an interview with a robot scientist. Listen to the audios for each question and choose the best answer (A, B or C). Wait until the end to choose your answer (all of them might be mentioned!).

1. What does Keith say about his company's latest project?

- A He does not want to talk about it.
 B He is not allowed to talk about it.
 C He does not know much about it.

2. How does Keith describe his work?

A monotonous

B tiring

C varied

3. What is the possible result of having robots that can display and detect emotions?

A Robots will become more acceptable to people.

B Robots will be mistaken for humans.

C Robots will age and grow ill.

4. What does Keith say about robots in films?

A They are not always shown in a positive light.

B They often have a good sense of humour.

C They are not particularly well designed.

5. Keith expresses concern that robots might cause us

A to do less physical exercise.

B to become less intelligent.

C to think less for ourselves.

6. Keith says that progress in the robotics industry

A is as fast as that of computers.

B has become faster recently.

C was fast in the early years.

7. What does Keith say about humanoid robots?

A They are unable to perform many tasks.

B Many people consider them to be a toy.

C People are getting used to seeing them.