

BEFORE YOU WATCH

A Write the words from the box next to the correct definitions.

blind dull impact ongoing science fiction visually impaired

- 1 _____ / _____ : unable to see or having difficulty seeing
- 2 _____ : something that is very boring or uninteresting
- 3 _____ : books, movies, etc., about an imagined future, including space travel
- 4 _____ : a powerful effect that something has on something else
- 5 _____ : something that is continuing

B **PAIR WORK** Answer the questions. Discuss your answers with a partner.

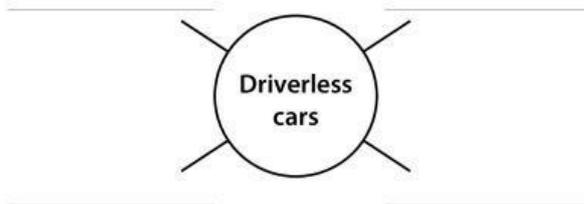
- Can you think of any examples of automated technology? What do they do?
- How have these examples of automated technology changed our lives so far?
- How do you think automated technology will develop in the future?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of automated technology?

In my opinion, automated technology lets people have more independence.

Really? I think that it makes people become lazy!



C **PREDICT** **PAIR WORK** Look at the picture of a driverless car from the video. What do you think the video is about? Make a prediction. What advantages of driverless cars might it show? Make notes about the advantages on the diagram.



- A Watch the video. Were your predictions from exercise C on page 41 correct?
- B Make notes about the advantages of driverless cars that are mentioned in the video.



C Complete the sentences with information from the video.

- 1 Engineers and _____ have been working on driverless cars.
- 2 Companies have been working on driverless cars for _____ ten years.
- 3 Driverless cars will reduce the amount of _____ and traffic in cities.
- 4 They can also make life less _____ for people in cities.
- 5 Driverless cars are also referred to as _____ cars.
- 6 _____ percent of people in the U.S. would prefer to drive a car than to use a driverless car.
- 7 Recently, there was an _____ involving a driverless car.
- 8 Getting around by car is difficult for _____ people.
- 9 For these people, driverless cars can help them _____ more.

WHILE YOU WATCH

D Check (✓) all of the statements that are true about Barbara Tallon.



- 1 She is American.
- 2 She is 80 years old.
- 3 She has never driven a car.
- 4 She has sight problems.
- 5 She thinks driverless cars are stressful.
- 6 She believes that driverless cars would have a positive impact on her life.

E Complete the summary with the correct words.

Driverless cars will cause a big ¹ _____ in the way that people ² _____. They will change what cities ³ _____ like and will improve the ⁴ _____. Not only that, but driverless cars will solve everyday ⁵ _____ for many people, especially people with ⁶ _____. They can make their lives easier and less ⁷ _____. Overall, the future of driverless cars isn't ⁸ _____; it is exciting!

F **PAIR WORK** What conclusion would you infer from the video? Give reasons for your answer with information from the video.

- 1 Driverless cars can have many benefits, but only for a specific group of people.
- 2 Driverless cars still have problems, but one day they will be used by everyone.
- 3 Driverless cars can never be considered safe or environmentally friendly.