

## PRACTICE

**Task 1. Choose the words whose underlined part is pronounced differently from others.**

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A. r <u>o</u> bot            | B. r <u>o</u> le             | C. c <u>o</u> ffee             | D. c <u>o</u> mb            |
| 2. A. m <u>i</u> nor            | B. s <u>i</u> mple           | C. r <u>e</u> cogn <u>i</u> se | D. cl <u>i</u> mb           |
| 3. A. p <u>a</u> net            | B. s <u>t</u> ation          | C. s <u>p</u> ace              | D. f <u>a</u> ce            |
| 4. A. dr <u>e</u> ss <u>e</u> d | B. st <u>e</u> pp <u>e</u> d | C. t <u>a</u> lk <u>e</u> d    | D. pl <u>a</u> y <u>e</u> d |
| 5. A. sh <u>o</u> ut            | B. c <u>o</u> uld            | C. h <u>o</u> use              | D. d <u>o</u> wn            |

**Task 2. Choose the word whose main stressed syllable is placed differently from the others.**

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| 1. A. houseboat | B. motorhome  | C. apartment   | D. cottage  |
| 2. A. special   | B. modern     | C. wireless    | D. machine  |
| 3. A. appliance | B. dishwasher | C. countryside | D. factory  |
| 4. A. robot     | B. locate     | C. iron        | D. cable    |
| 5. A. control   | B. giant      | C. solar       | D. software |

**Task 3. Complete with suitable types of robots.**

space robot          doctor robot          home robot  
building robot      teaching robot      worker robot

1. \_\_\_\_\_ do housework
2. \_\_\_\_\_ educate children
3. \_\_\_\_\_ taking care of people's health
4. \_\_\_\_\_ build types of construction works
5. \_\_\_\_\_ explore the space
6. \_\_\_\_\_ work in factory

7. \_\_\_\_\_ work at schools or at home

8. \_\_\_\_\_ work at home

9. \_\_\_\_\_ work at hospital.

**Task 4. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.**

1. Home Robots \_\_\_\_\_ all our housework, such as cleaning, washing the dishes, etc.

2. Security Robots can patrol streets or \_\_\_\_\_ your home.

3. ASIMO can \_\_\_\_\_ the faces and voices of multiple people speaking.

4. Nao Robot \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese, English, and Chinese and can answer your questions about banking.

5. Worker robots are good at \_\_\_\_\_ heavy things.

6. The Bosch robot could \_\_\_\_\_ either a latte, a cappuccino or a coffee.

7. Will future robots be able to \_\_\_\_\_ human emotions?

8. Bill Shane now \_\_\_\_\_ his grass with a robotic lawnmower.

**Task 5. Complete each blank with a correct word.**

1. In the future, robots will help us \_\_\_\_\_ the laundry.

2. My robot will help me do the \_\_\_\_\_. It will grow and take care of the plants in our small garden.

3. Will robots be \_\_\_\_\_ to understand what we say?

4. Robots in the past \_\_\_\_\_ talk, but now they can.

5. Space robots can build space \_\_\_\_\_ on the Moon and other planets.

6. Home robots can do all the \_\_\_\_\_, such as cooking, cleaning, washing the dishes.

7. In ten years, robots will wake you up in the morning and \_\_\_\_\_ your bed.

8. Doctor robots can help \_\_\_\_\_ people in a hospital.

Task 6. Complete the sentences with correct form of adjectives.

1. She can't stay (long) \_\_\_\_\_ than 30 minutes.
2. Well, the place looks (clean) \_\_\_\_\_ now.
3. The red shirt is better but it's (expensive) \_\_\_\_\_ than the white one.
4. Being a firefighter is (dangerous) \_\_\_\_\_ than being a builder.
5. The weather this summer is even (hot) \_\_\_\_\_ than last summer.
6. Your accent is (bad) \_\_\_\_\_ than mine.
7. Hot dogs are (good) \_\_\_\_\_ than hamburgers.
8. French is considered to be (difficult) \_\_\_\_\_ than English.
9. I think scuba diving is (fascinating) \_\_\_\_\_ than climbing.
10. He thinks this test was (difficult) \_\_\_\_\_ than the last one.

Task 7. Give the correct form of the word given to complete the sentences.

1. Robots can help people solve \_\_\_\_\_ problems such as discovering the universe or reducing pollution. (COMPLICATE)
2. Robots can do something \_\_\_\_\_ like looking after children in the future. (USE)
3. Robots will be \_\_\_\_\_ to help people in many fields such as curing some diseases or teaching languages. They are very useful for people in the future. (ABILITY)
4. It's difficult for him to \_\_\_\_\_ these flying robots because they are very small. (RECOGNITION)
5. \_\_\_\_\_, he decided to buy a domestic robot to help him tidy up his room. (FINAL)

**Task 8. Read and answer the questions.**

Would you like a robot in your house? It is now generally accepted that in the future robots will take over many of our tasks, especially jobs of a repetitive nature. But it is doubtful if robots will ever be able to do many of the more creative types of work - or indeed if people would want them to. At the home robots would probably be used to do the cleaning, table laying, scrubbing and

washing up, but it is considered unlikely so far that they will be used to do cooking - at least not in the near future. Robots in the home might not be creative enough to do the cooking, plan the meals, and so on. They would be used as slaves, thereby freeing people to do more of the things they wanted.

1. What kinds of jobs would a robot take over?

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2. What are the types of creative jobs?

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3. Can robots do creative work? Why? (Why not?)

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4. What would people use robots for?

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5. Would you like a robot in your house? Why? (Why not?)

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**Task 9. Complete the passage with the words from the box.**

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I have had my robot for 3 years now, and it has helped me enormously with my (1)\_\_\_\_\_. I can't go to school because I have a (2)\_\_\_\_\_ condition. So I send my robot to school in my place. The robot (3)\_\_\_\_\_ information to me in real time and I can ask it to perform a number of functions. It asks and responds to questions from teachers, can move (4)\_\_\_\_\_ around the school, and it even interacts with my classmates. I am really happy with it and my grades have improved dramatically (5)\_\_\_\_\_ I have had it.

Although it was pretty difficult to get (6)\_\_\_\_\_ to using the robot at first, I realise I am really lucky to have him. I was reading in the paper the other day that a lot of kids want (7)\_\_\_\_\_ to learn or play with, or help them with their chores. I suppose a lot (8)\_\_\_\_\_ people will have robots in the future as this type of technology continues to develop at a frightening pace.

**Task 10. Rewrite the sentences keeping the same meaning.**

1. Her old house is bigger than her new one.

Her new house \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The black dress is more expensive than the white one.

The white dress \_\_\_\_\_.

3. According to me, English is easier than Maths.

According to me, Maths \_\_\_\_\_.

4. No one in my group is more intelligent than Mary.

Mary \_\_\_\_\_.

5. No river in the world is longer than the Nile.

The Nile \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.

No mountain \_\_\_\_\_.

7. The English test was difficult. I had thought it would be easier.

The English test \_\_\_\_\_.

8. The country is quieter than the city.

It is noisier \_\_\_\_\_.

9. My office is nearer than hers.

Her office is \_\_\_\_\_.

10. My old sofa is less comfortable than my new one.

My new sofa is.....