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Homes of the Future

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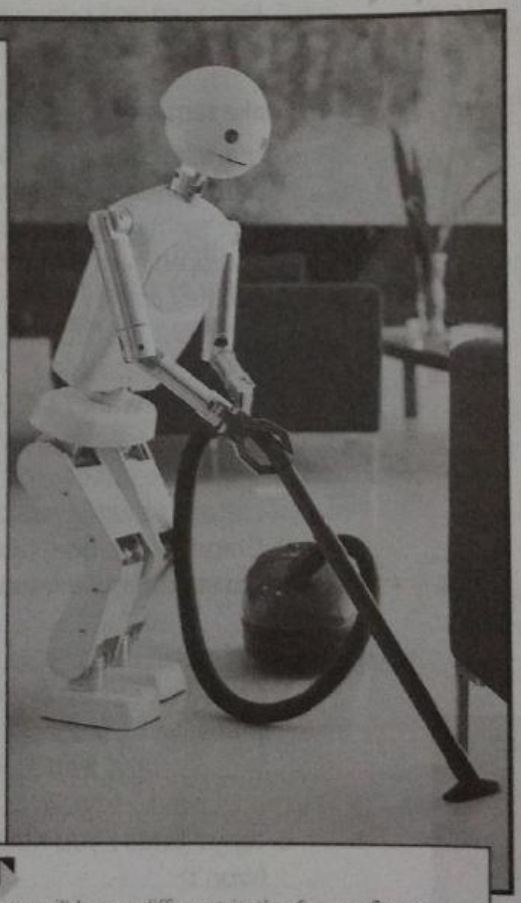

Caitlin says

I feel confident that we'll have robots to do all the chores! I'm fed up with having to do the ironing and take out the trash. I've seen Japanese robots on TV, so I think we might have domestic robots soon. For example, my friend's mom just bought a machine that vacuums the floor by itself. If you don't have to do chores, there's more time to study—and have fun. I also think homes will be much greener, because the buildings will be better, and they'll use clean electricity from the sun, and things like that.

Brendan says

I don't think homes will be so different in the future. Some people might have robots, in the same way that some people now have housecleaners and landscapers to help around the house. But most people will still have to do their own chores. Robots will make you lazy. What will people do with all the extra time? Play more video games? There's nothing wrong with doing a few chores every day: we should all be able to cook and clean, for example. And I'm not sure about greener homes. Maybe some new homes, but not older ones, because people might not have the money to modernize them. In short, I don't think we should expect very big changes.

I. READ THE TEXT. MATCH THE WRITERS TO THEIR OPINIONS. WRITE THE LETTERS.

1. Caitlin ___
2. Brendan ___

a) pessimist
b) optimist

II. ARE THE STATEMENTS TRUE (T) OR FALSE (F)?

1. Caitlin doesn't like doing chores. _
2. Brendan doesn't mind doing chores. __
3. Caitlin's friend has to vacuum her home. __
4. Brendan doesn't think there will be so many robots. __
5. Caitlin thinks people won't have to study so much. __

LIVEWORKSHEETS

LISTENING

I. LISTEN AND COMPLETE THE SUMMARY OF THE CONVERSATION.

*friends *independent *miss * school *brothers or sisters * idea *sister

Max is worried because his _____ is going to college. He says he'll _____ her because there are no other _____ at home. The radio show host says that Max should be more _____. She says it's a good _____ to talk, but Max shouldn't forget his _____ from _____.

II. MATCH THE EXPRESSION BEGINNINGS (1-5) TO THE ENDINGS (A-E). THEN LISTEN AGAIN AND CHECK.

1. give you ___	a) brothers or sisters
2. going away ___	b) to keep in touch
3. very lonely ___	c) some advice
4. any other ___	d) without her
5. a great way ___	e) to college

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