

How likely is it that you'll lose your job to a robot? According to Toby Walsh, a professor of Artificial Intelligence, it's hard to think of a job that a computer won't be able to do. There are already where all the work is done by robots, and there will certainly be more in the future. But what about teachers, engineers, and electricians? A team at Oxford University studied 350 different professions and suggested that 35 percent of UK jobs might go to robots in the next 20 years. work that is repetitive¹ or involves handling small objects will be at risk of automation. On the other hand, jobs that involve helping other people or having original ideas will probably always need people. So journalists, nurses, engineers, and teachers will never be at risk. Clerical workers and telemarketers may not be so lucky. The Oxford study gives the probability for each of the 350 jobs. (65 percent) are more at risk than taxi drivers (57 percent). One global taxi company says eventually, taxis will be on every street corner. However, a spokesperson for London taxi drivers isn't convinced. "It won't happen. Driverless cars be able to work on roads at the same time as normal vehicles."

Intelligence, automation. In particular, some factories will probably be at risk, eventually. driverless will never be at risk. spokesperson

Reading

4 Work in pairs. Look at the jobs. Do you think a robot could do these jobs? Why or why not?

electrician engineer clerical worker nurse
taxi driver teacher telemarketer

5 Read the article and check your ideas from Exercise 4.

6 Read the article again and say:

- 1 which jobs are already done by robots.
- 2 what the Oxford University study looked at.
- 3 one job that is at risk, and one that is not.

7 Work in pairs. Find predictions in the article about these jobs. Do the predictions surprise you? Why or why not?

- 1 factory work
- 2 engineers
- 3 taxi drivers

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DISCUSS YOUR ANSWERS IN YOUR GROUPS.**