

Complete the sentences with the correct form.

Computers and the human brain

Which is smarter: a computer or a human brain? Even today's simplest computers ¹ can/ are able to solve maths and other problems much faster than humans. However, they ² can't/ aren't able to use imagination or come up with new ideas. But what about the future – will computers ever ³ can/ be able to think creatively, like humans? Will they ever ⁴ can/ be able to know what salt tastes like or what pain feels like? Some scientists doubt it. They say that even a hundred years from now, computers ⁵ can't/ won't be able to do this. Others say that science is full of surprises so we ⁶ can't/ won't be able to predict now what will happen in the distant future. Meanwhile, neuroscientists are using computers to help them understand the human brain better. In a new \$1.6 billion project, the Human Brain Project, scientists from several countries will work together to create the world's first computer model of the human brain. The 'computer brain' ⁷ can/ will be able to operate 1,000 times faster than today's computers, and scientists ⁸ can/ will be able to 'fly around' inside it and learn more about how the brain works. They also hope they ⁹ can/ will be able to discover more about brain illnesses, such as Alzheimer's. Scientists might even ¹⁰ can/ be able to learn more about where our thoughts and emotions come from.