

READY OR NOT, HERE A.I. COMES!

Although the term was first coined in the 1950s, Artificial Intelligence, or A.I., is now more prevalent than ever. Whether you realize it or not, A.I. is all around us, inescapable and continuing to grow. Already, the programs and websites we take for granted, like those for searching online or watching videos, use A.I. to anticipate our desires. And with top tech companies all investing heavily in A.I., it doesn't look like this trend will be slowing down anytime soon.

But first, what exactly is A.I.? Basically, it is the concept of a machine which can simulate any feature of intelligence which was traditionally unique to humans. For example, in recent years, one type of A.I., machine learning, has developed at a staggering rate, creating networks that can imitate the way neurons work in our own brains. Looking ahead to the future then, it's impossible to predict exactly how A.I. will shape our world. With that said, it's a safe bet that we can expect heavy A.I. influence in the following areas:

Read the article again and decide if the statements (a-f) are True (T), False (F), or Not Given (N).

- a Despite its long history, A.I. did not see widespread adoption until much more recently.
- b A.I. in the employment sector is unlikely to lead to significant changes.
- c Targeted marketing and entertainment will soon become a reality.
- d Bioengineering is only one of many uses for A.I. in the medical field.
- e There is a trend towards people building closer personal relationships with robots.
- f One concern about A.I. is that humans might lose control.

Complete the words in the glossary with words or phrases from the article.

Glossary

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| a coin verb [T]: use a word or phrase that no one has used before | e _____ adjective: describes an action or change that has a very big effect |
| b _____ adjective: independent and able to make their own decisions | f _____ noun [C]: a new business or activity |
| c _____ verb [T]: produce the features of something in a way that seems real but is not | g _____ adjective: very common |
| d _____ adjective: impossible to avoid or ignore | h _____ noun [C]: a set of rules for solving problems or doing calculations |