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A scientist said (1) [] will be more intelligent than humans by 2029. The scientist's name is Ray Kurzweil. He works for Google as (2) [] of Engineering. He is one of the world's (3) [] experts on artificial intelligence (A.I.). Mr Kurzweil believes computers will be able to learn from (4) [], just like humans. He also thinks they will be able to (5) [] jokes and stories, and even flirt. Kurzweil's 2029 prediction is a lot (6) [] than many people thought. The scientist said that in 1999, many A.I. (7) [] said it would be hundreds of years before a computer was more intelligent than a human. He said that it would not be long before computer intelligence is one billion times more powerful than the human (8) [].

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Mr Kurzweil joked that many years ago, people thought he was a little crazy for (9) [] computers would be as intelligent as humans. His thinking has stayed the same but everyone (10) [] has changed the way they think. He said: "My views are not radical any more. I've actually (11) [] consistent. It's the (12) [] of the world that's changing its view." He highlighted examples of (13) [] things we use, see or read about every day. These things make us believe that computers have (14) []. He said people think differently now: "Because the (15) [] has seen things like Siri [the iPhone's voice-recognition technology] where you talk to a computer; they've seen the Google (16) []-driving cars."

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