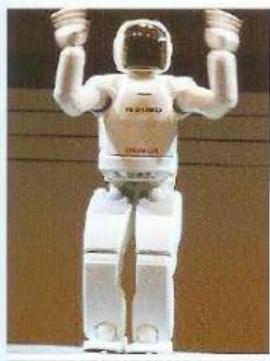


FCE LISTENING

Look at the following pictures and read the newspaper headlines and dictionary definition.



Hospital takes delivery of robot

Company reveals robot with 'sense of smell and taste'

robot /'raʊbɒt/ noun [c]:

- a a machine that can do work by itself, often work that humans do
- b a machine that looks and talks like a human, and can do many of the things humans do

Robot dog – the perfect companion

Match the words in the box with those that have a similar meaning below. Use a dictionary if you need to.

give away	exhaustive	display	recognise	the elderly	willing to	get a bad press
menacing	set out (a plan)	object of humour		growing accustomed to	eventually	

1. prepared to, open to _____

7. threatening, dangerous _____

2. getting used to _____

8. at some point _____

3. complete, including all elements _____

9. old people _____

4. explain, describe _____

10. something/someone people laugh at _____

5. show _____

11. perceive, realise _____

6. tell something secret _____

12. to be criticised _____

You will hear an interview with a robot scientist. Listen to the audios for each question and choose the best answer (A, B or C). Wait until the end to choose your answer (all of them might be mentioned!).

1. What does Keith say about his company's latest project?

A He does not want to talk about it.

B He is not allowed to talk about it.

C He does not know much about it.

2. How does Keith describe his work?

- A monotonous
- B tiring
- C varied

3. What is the possible result of having robots that can display and detect emotions?

- A Robots will become more acceptable to people.
- B Robots will be mistaken for humans.
- C Robots will age and grow ill.

4. What does Keith say about robots in films?

- A They are not always shown in a positive light.
- B They often have a good sense of humour.
- C They are not particularly well designed.

5. Keith expresses concern that robots might cause us

- A to do less physical exercise.
- B to become less intelligent.
- C to think less for ourselves.

6. Keith says that progress in the robotics industry

- A is as fast as that of computers.
- B has become faster recently.
- C was fast in the early years.

7. What does Keith say about humanoid robots?

- A They are unable to perform many tasks.
- B Many people consider them to be a toy.
- C People are getting used to seeing them.