

How Technology can Enhance our Brains

VOCABULARY: Complete the sentences with one of the words from the list.
(signs – equitable – unlock – reap – remain – keep – tap – sounds)

1. If this technology is developed, I think it'll take a long time for all the people to have _____ access to it.
2. Technology is changing so fast we can barely _____ pace with it.
3. Being able to communicate telepathically _____ like science-fiction to me.
4. This technology has already been tested on many people and there are no _____ of side-effects related to it.
5. I think there are lots of potential advantages, but it will take a long time. Will we be able to _____ the benefits of this technology in the short-term?
6. We think this technology will _____ the whole potential of our brain. I
7. If we can _____ into this technology, our brain performance will improve significantly
8. Many scientists believe that what our brain can really do will always _____ a mystery.

GRAMMAR: Select the option that CANNOT complete the sentences:

1. Scientists have **been able to / could / have managed to** design a device that **will be able to / might be able to / may be able to** enhance our brain. It still has to be tested to confirm its effectivity, which still remains a mystery.
2. During the tests conducted last week, 90% of the individuals **couldn't / weren't able to / can't** remember what the answer was.
3. This new development **has been able to / was able to / managed to** improve the lives of lots of people last year.
4. All the team worked very hard to design this implant. It was difficult, but in the end they **can / were able to / managed to** finish it.
5. We wonder if we **will be able to / can / were able to** reap the benefits of this major breakthrough in the near future.

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VIDEO: Watch the video and select the correct option(s) to answer the questions



1. How long hasn't Erik been able to move from the neck down?

- For 13 years
- For 30 years
- For 3 years

2. What has Erik managed to do recently?

- Leave a bottle of beer and take a drink
- Lift a bottle of water and take a drink
- Lift a bottle of beer and take a drink

3. Who was the experiment conducted by?

- The Journal Science
- The California Research Institute
- Silicon Valley

4. What were researchers able to target in the most recent development?

- specific norms that trigger more natural movements
- specific neurons triggering more natural movements
- specific neurons that trigger more natural movements

5. How did the scientists feel about the outcome?

- disappointed
- happy
- excited