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# Should we be worried about ROBOTS?



The word 'robot' first appeared in Karel Čapek's 1920 play *RER*, which portrayed robots<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as factory workers before they rebelled and began to kill their human bosses. At the time, real robots<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ invented, but today they are a part of our lives. Robots are being used to do<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ jobs all the time, and they are useful in far more ways than Čapek could have dreamed. But what if he was right?



Today many scientists<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that robots could one day be a grave danger to mankind. They point out that the computing power of devices is doubling every few years. Given this fact, it's seen<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ inevitable that one day machines will be able to think. But when that happens, will they be friendly or hostile towards us?

Armed military robots are already used on the battlefield – albeit under human control. But could robot soldiers <sup>6</sup> make their own decisions one day, and could they also commit terrible atrocities? People like Elon Musk and Stephen Hawking certainly think <sup>7</sup> it possible. They <sup>8</sup> warn us to find ways to control thinking machines before the first ones appear. If we don't, they warn, thinking machines could find ways to control us!