

Vocabulary

A Fill in the correct phrase.

- figurative speech • artificial brain • phone line • email account • broadband
• emotional response

1 Roboticists are working on creating a(n) which will make robots think on their own.

2 Why don't you upgrade your Internet connection to? It's much faster.

3 He can't send or receive anything over the Internet until he's set up his

4 In a few decades we may have household robots that look like humans, act like humans and even talk using idioms or other parts of like humans.

5 Mark didn't have an Internet connection, so he checked his to see if it was working.

6 Do you think it is possible to have a(n) for a robot, such as love?

B Fill in the correct word. There are three words you do not need to use.

- caters • exists • discover • divided • invented • overcome • subscription • modem • perform • deletes
• become • server • build

7 Do you think that robotic doctors will ever a reality?

8 I don't think that a machine that can think on its own

9 The reason why you can't connect to the Internet is that there's something wrong with your

10 Did you know that there are robots which can tasks such as serving tea and vacuuming the carpets?

11 Scientists have not yet the problem of how to make a robot think.

12 John cancelled his monthly to his Internet Service Provider because it was too expensive.

13 Honda could a robot called Asimo that can walk, run and climb stairs without any problems.

14 Henry has a new gadget again; he really loves making things.

15 Experts are as to when we will all have robot assistants.

16 Ann never goes anywhere without her laptop, as it for all her business needs.

C Put the verbs into the correct future tense or Present Simple, Present Continuous or use -to be going to.

17 By the end of the year, Eric _____ (work) on his new computer gadget for almost seven months.

18 _____ (you, help) me to upgrade my Internet connection to broadband?

19 You can't carry all these bags yourself. I _____ (take) some of them off your hands.

20 At this time tomorrow evening I _____ (watch) my favourite TV show.

21 Be careful! You _____ (spill) coffee on your keyboard!

22 The train _____ (arrive) at 12:30, so we have plenty of time to get there.

23 Mr Higgins _____ (give) a demonstration of the new robot tomorrow evening.

24 Kate is retaking her driving test next week. – I know. She _____ (take) it three times by then.

25 I _____ (install) the anti-virus software on your computer as soon as I get home tonight, I promise.

26 _____ (you, have) a dinner party tomorrow?

D Choose the correct answer.

27 I will call you when I _____ in London.
A will arrive B arrive C am arriving

28 Bob rebooted his computer _____ the screen would stop freezing.
A in order B in case C so that

29 The scanner isn't working. When _____ someone to fix it?
A do you call B will you call C have you called

30 Richard is _____ hooked on the Internet that he even does all his shopping online.
A very B such C so

31 I need a scanner _____ I can transfer these photos to my PC
A so that B so as C in order

32 The robots of the future will have _____ amazing abilities that they will be able to do almost anything.
A such an B so C such

33 Anne called Frank _____ ask him about her computer problem.
A so as B so that C to

34 James stopped playing his video game _____ he heard his mum at the door.
A while B by the time C as soon as

35 Daniel bought a used computer _____ spend all of his savings.
A in case not B so as not to C in order not

E Choose the right response.

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| <p>36 Let me take a look at that computer problem for you.</p> <p>37 Would you agree that many teenagers spend too much time on their computers?</p> <p>38 Can you give me a hand with the printer?</p> <p>39 I suggest that you reboot the system.</p> <p>40 I've lost some files.</p> | <p>A Have you tried running a search?</p> <p>B I've already tried that and it didn't work.</p> <p>C That's really kind of you.</p> <p>D Um ... in a way, yes.</p> <p>E Sure, what's the problem?</p> |
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Reading

F Read the text and match the headings (A-F) to the paragraphs (41-45). There is one extra heading you do not need to use.

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| <p>A A DIFFICULT DECISION</p> <p>B NOT LOOKING YOUR AGE</p> <p>C AN ANCIENT DESIRE</p> | <p>D THE NEGATIVE SIDE</p> <p>E NUMBERS DON'T LIE</p> <p>F DON'T QUESTION IT</p> |
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Would you want to live ... FOREVER?

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For thousands of years human beings have dreamt of cheating death and the aging process. In their fantasy world, they live forever and remain young and beautiful in old age. Well, it may sound incredible, but there are some scientists who believe that mankind will soon have the technology to make this dream come true!

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Sounds like science fiction? Maybe. But remember that technology gives us the ability to do things today that people living only a few decades ago would have considered magic. Therefore, there is no reason why we shouldn't believe that experts will make all this possible.

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Some scientists believe that medical technology is moving so fast that by the end of this century, advanced anti-aging technologies will be available, and it will let people live for hundreds or maybe even thousands of years if they want to. Of course few people would want to live

to 1000 if, they had to spend hundreds of years looking and feeling like a 90-year-old. But some researchers think medicine will be able to keep people looking and feeling as beautiful and fit at 500 years old as they were at the age of 25!

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Naturally, the possibility of living 50 long raises many problems if people don't die, how will the Earth cope when it gets so overcrowded? Many people believe that scientists should not develop anti-aging technology, and that they should let nature take its course as it has been doing for millions of years.

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Of course, most scientists believe that humans will never possess such technology. But if living to 1000 becomes possible, do you think it would be a dream ... or a nightmare? And, if you had the choice, would you choose to live forever?

Listening

G Listen to some people talking about mobile phones and match the speakers (1-5) to the statements (A-E).

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| A I only make short phone calls on my mobile. | 46 Speaker 1 |
| B I feel that I need my phone too much. | 47 Speaker 2 |
| C Mobile phones are good for reasons of safety. | 48 Speaker 3 |
| D I don't like the way people phrase text messages. | 49 Speaker 4 |
| E I spend a lot of money on my mobile phone. | 50 Speaker 5 |