READING PRACTICE : TECHNOLOGICAL WONDERS

Theme: Science and Technology

Read the text below.

Have you heard of a robot that helps you in a grocery store? It is the latest robot developed by a Japanese robotics research institute. It is called 'Robovie II'. Robovie II helps us do our grocery shopping.

This is the way it works. The process starts at home. The user key in their shopping list into a specialised mobile device. When the shopper arrives at the store, the robot senses the device. It will greet the shopper by name at the entrance of the store. Then, the robot will say, 'Let's go shopping'. It will follow the shopper around the store while holding a grocery basket. The robot even reminds the shopper of the items on the list. It can also make recommendations on which items to buy.

An elderly woman took part in an experiment of shopping with Robovie II. She really enjoyed the experience because it reminded her of shopping with her grandchild. She commented that she did not feel tired at all as the robot helped to carry the shopping bag for her.

With the robot's assistance in a supermarket, the elderly will find it convenient to shop. According to the company, the robot is expected to be well-received among the elderly as it will provide support for them.

Watch this video to find out more about Robovie II.

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Part A – Write 'True' or 'False' for each statement below. DSKP: LS 3.1.2

1. Robovie II will meet the shopper at home. _____
2. The robot can recognise the shopper through their device. _____
3. The robot reminds all the elderly of their grandchildren. _____
4. If shoppers forget to buy an item, the robot will remind them. _____
5. The robot will do the shopping for the elderly. _____
6. The company thinks the elderly will like the robot. _____

Part B – Fill in the blanks with appropriate words or phrases from the text.

DSKP: LS 3.1.3

	Meaning	Word / Phrase
1	a machine that can perform some of the same tasks as a human being	
2	suggestions	
3	a carefully planned test used to discover something unknown	
4	the action of helping someone by sharing work	
5	getting a good reaction from people	
6	expressed an opinion	

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