

# Unit 08

## Robots Replacing Human Workers

Could robots replace workers?

Yes ☐

No ☐

### Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

- 1 Do you like to play with robot toys?
- 2 What are some jobs that robots are good at doing?
- 3 Can robots be better workers than humans?

### Introducing the Topic

The first computer-controlled robot was made in 1954. The robot was called Unimate. It was used by the car company General Motors to pick up large pieces of hot metal. Since then, robots have replaced a lot of human jobs, especially dangerous jobs. Now, robots are getting smarter. Someday, robots may do many different jobs instead of humans.



## Learning about the Topic

Should robots replace human workers?



Đọc và gạch chân các lập luận hỗ trợ trong đoạn 2 và đoạn 3.

Technology today can do many things. Robots can now do the work of human beings. Should robots replace human workers?

### Robots Should Replace Human Workers

To begin with, robots are more **accurate** than humans. If human workers are not **concentrating**, then they can make mistakes. But robot workers do not make mistakes. They do their jobs perfectly every time. Second, robot workers can



produce much more than human workers. Human workers can only work around 40 hours a week. Sometimes they get sick or tired and need a break. On the other hand, robot workers can work 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They never need to rest or take time off. They are more **efficient**.

### Robots Should Not Replace Human Workers

For one, robots cannot do all the jobs humans can. Robots are machines. They are programmed to do jobs, but they cannot feel or be creative. For some jobs, such as teacher or lawyer, workers must be able to understand human emotions. But robots cannot **interact** with people on an emotional level. Second, robots cannot work alone. Even in **repetitive** jobs such as factory work, robots cannot do all the work by themselves. They need the help of human workers to make sure that the work gets done. Robots should help humans do their jobs better, not replace them.



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## Vocabulary Check

Chọn từ thích hợp để hoàn thành các câu sau.

efficient      concentrate      repetitive      accurate      interact

1. Please be quiet! I can't \_\_\_\_\_ when you keep talking!
2. Working in a factory is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ job.
3. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ with people every day.
4. This calculation is not \_\_\_\_\_. There are many mistakes.
5. Every company is looking for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ system.

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## Comprehension Questions

Chọn câu trả lời đúng cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. Why are robots more accurate than human workers?
  - a. Because they make more mistakes than humans
  - b. Because they always do their jobs perfectly
2. What is true about how much robots can work?
  - a. They can only work a few hours each day before getting fixed.
  - b. They can work all day, every day without breaks.
3. What are some types of jobs that robots cannot do?
  - a. They cannot do jobs that need creativity or emotions.
  - b. They cannot do dangerous jobs such as in factories.
4. What is true about robot workers with repetitive jobs?
  - a. The robots can work more efficiently without humans around.
  - b. The robots still need the help of humans to do their jobs.

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