UNIT 11 THE FUTURE OF DRIVING

BEFORE YOU WATCH

A **Write the words from the box next to the correct definitions.**

blind	dull	impact	ongoing	science fiction	visually impaired

1 _____ / _____ : unable to see or having difficulty seeing
2 _____ : something that is very boring or uninteresting
3 _____ : books, movies, etc., about an imagined future, including space travel
4 _____ : a powerful effect that something has on something else
5 _____ : something that is continuing

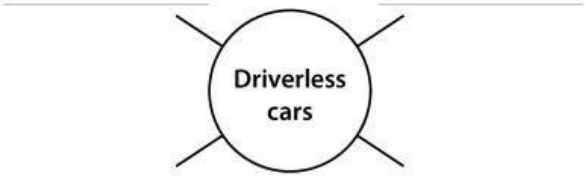
B PAIR WORK **Answer the questions. Discuss your answers with a partner.**

- Can you think of any examples of automated technology? What do they do?
- How have these examples of automated technology changed our lives so far?
- How do you think automated technology will develop in the future?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of automated technology?

In my opinion, automated technology lets people have more independence.

Really? I think that it makes people become lazy!

C PREDICT PAIR WORK **Look at the picture of a driverless car from the video. What do you think the video is about? Make a prediction. What advantages of driverless cars might it show? Make notes about the advantages on the diagram.**



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A **Watch the video. Were your predictions from exercise C on page 41 correct?**

B **Make notes about the advantages of driverless cars that are mentioned in the video.**

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C **Complete the sentences with information from the video.**

1 Engineers and _____ have been working on driverless cars.
2 Companies have been working on driverless cars for _____ ten years.
3 Driverless cars will reduce the amount of _____ and traffic in cities.
4 They can also make life less _____ for people in cities.
5 Driverless cars are also referred to as _____ cars.
6 _____ percent of people in the U.S. would prefer to drive a car than to use a driverless car.
7 Recently, there was an _____ involving a driverless car.
8 Getting around by car is difficult for _____ people.
9 For these people, driverless cars can help them _____ more.

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WHILE YOU WATCH

D **Check (✓) all of the statements that are true about Barbara Tallon.**

- ☐ **1** She is American.
- ☐ **2** She is 80 years old.
- ☐ **3** She has never driven a car.
- ☐ **4** She has sight problems.
- ☐ **5** She thinks driverless cars are stressful.
- ☐ **6** She believes that driverless cars would have a positive impact on her life.

E **Complete the summary with the correct words.**

Driverless cars will cause a big [1] _____ in the way that people [2] _____. They will change what cities [3] _____ like and will improve the [4] _____. Not only that, but driverless cars will solve everyday [5] _____ for many people, especially people with [6] _____. They can make their lives easier and less [7] _____. Overall, the future of driverless cars isn't [8] _____; it is exciting!

F PAIR WORK **What conclusion would you infer from the video? Give reasons for your answer with information from the video.**

1. Driverless cars can have many benefits, but only for a specific group of people.
2. Driverless cars still have problems, but one day they will be used by everyone.
3. Driverless cars can never be considered safe or environmentally friendly.

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