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## 1.1

## THE ROBOT TOUCH

### 1 VOCABULARY: Using adverbs to add detail

#### A Match the adverbs with the definitions.

- |                   |          |  |
|-------------------|----------|--|
| 1 comprehensively | <u>c</u> | a certain to happen                    |
| 2 ultimately      | _____    | b definitely                           |
| 3 demonstrably    | _____    | c in a complete way                    |
| 4 inevitably      | _____    | d little by little; in a gradual way   |
| 5 drastically     | _____    | e in the end                           |
| 6 progressively   | _____    | f in a reasonable way                  |
| 7 undoubtedly     | _____    | g in a way that can be shown or proven |
| 8 feasibly        | _____    | h in an extreme way                    |

#### B Find the words.

dramatically gradually increasingly markedly potentially radically unquestionably

R	A	T	P	O	K	G	F	D	C	U	I	A	P	R	C
E	K	S	O	J	E	S	M	V	T	K	X	N	N	A	P
U	N	Q	U	E	S	T	I	O	N	A	B	L	Y	D	O
T	R	Y	G	H	G	K	Q	U	S	I	E	Q	P	I	T
P	N	I	L	Y	R	C	P	N	H	N	L	L	Y	C	E
I	N	C	R	E	A	S	I	N	G	L	Y	G	K	A	N
L	Y	M	S	M	D	G	L	D	I	C	R	A	J	L	T
Y	K	T	S	M	U	U	Y	V	N	M	P	E	S	L	I
C	G	M	D	R	A	M	A	T	I	C	A	L	L	Y	A
I	R	L	L	Y	L	R	I	F	L	H	K	O	T	B	L
E	K	I	O	T	L	K	D	U	Y	C	R	L	L	Y	L
G	P	S	D	N	Y	C	Z	M	A	R	K	E	D	L	Y



### 2 GRAMMAR: Commenting adverbs with future forms

#### A Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- part / lives in / robots will / of our / a big / inevitably / be / the future / .  
Robots will inevitably be a big part of our lives in the future.
- many / potentially / they are / types / take over / different / going to / of jobs / .  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- able / some / certainly / not be / jobs / they will / to do / .  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- progressively / more dependent / on robots / however, we / become / will / .  
 \_\_\_\_\_



## 3

## GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

A Write sentences about the future using the word prompts and a commenting adverb.

1 Some people believe / robots / look more human

*Some people believe robots will gradually look more human.*

2 They / move and talk more like us

3 Robots / become involved in our personal lives

4 According to some people, we / develop relationships with robots

5 We / have robots as our friends and coworkers

6 Robots / make our lives easier.

7 Having robots around / improve our quality of life.

8 It / be impossible to tell the difference between robots and humans

B How do you think life will be different with robots? Complete the sentences with the commenting adverbs in parentheses and your own ideas.

1 Every home (ultimately)

2 Robots (increasingly)

3 Hospitals (potentially)

4 Robots (drastically)

5 Cities (inevitably)





## 1 VOCABULARY: Talking about developments in technology

A Complete the conversations with words from the boxes.

### Conversation 1

artificial intelligence  
facial recognition  
working prototype

beta version  
virtual assistants

chatbots  
voice activation

Pia What are you reading, Sam?

Sam I'm reading an article about AI.

Pia What's AI?

Sam It stands for <sup>1</sup> artificial intelligence. This company is developing  
<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to talk to their customers online. So far, they  
have developed a <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. This early version still has  
a lot of problems. They think their <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ will be  
ready in a couple of years.

Pia That's interesting. Are they only going to use it for customer service?

Sam Well, right now the company is using simpler chatbots  
as <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. These devices use  
<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, so you just talk to them to turn them on.  
They also have cameras and use <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, so when  
you look at them, they know who you are.

### Conversation 2

computer-generated speech  
operating system

computer translation  
text to speech

image recognition  
voice recognition

Carlo Hey, Allie, what are you doing?

Allie I'm getting ready for my trip to Italy. I'm downloading a new app. It's a  
<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ app because I don't speak much Italian.

Carlo Cool. Is it easy to use?

Allie It's really easy to use. You just say something in English. The computer uses  
<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, so it understands what you say and shows  
you the Italian translation. It also uses <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, so  
your phone can say the words after translating them.

Carlo That's cool. Does it sound like a real person, or does it sound like really bad  
<sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?

Allie It sounds like a real person. It uses <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, too, so  
you can take a photo of text and the phone can translate the text from the picture.

Carlo I could really use that. I wonder if it would work with my  
<sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Allie It should work on any phone or tablet. You should try it!





## 2 GRAMMAR: Future perfect and future continuous

### A Find the errors and rewrite each sentence.

- 1 I'll staying at my sister's house next week.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 We'll have finish dinner before the movie starts.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I have taken eight classes by the end of the year.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 You be working with Kim on this project.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Everyone will leave by the time Mark gets here.  
\_\_\_\_\_

### B Circle the correct phrases to complete the conversation.

- Pedro** Are you excited about your trip?
- Yuki** Yes, I am! Tomorrow morning, <sup>1</sup>I'll be driving / I'll have driven to my friend Tina's house by the beach.
- Pedro** Have you been there before?
- Yuki** No, I haven't, so <sup>2</sup>I'll be using / I'll have used the GPS to find her house.
- Pedro** <sup>3</sup>Will you be studying / Will you have studied while you're there?
- Yuki** No, <sup>4</sup>I'll be finishing / I'll have finished all my schoolwork, so <sup>5</sup>I'll be relaxing / I'll have relaxed on the beach.
- Pedro** Is anyone else going to be there with you?
- Yuki** Yes, our friend Sarah is also coming. She's leaving tonight, so <sup>6</sup>she'll be arriving / she'll have arrived by the time I get there.
- Pedro** <sup>7</sup>How long will you be staying / How long will you have stayed?
- Yuki** I'll be there for a week. I can't wait! <sup>8</sup>We'll be talking and having fun / We'll have talked and had fun all week long.



## 3 GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

### A Answer the questions with your own ideas about developments in technology. Write complete sentences.

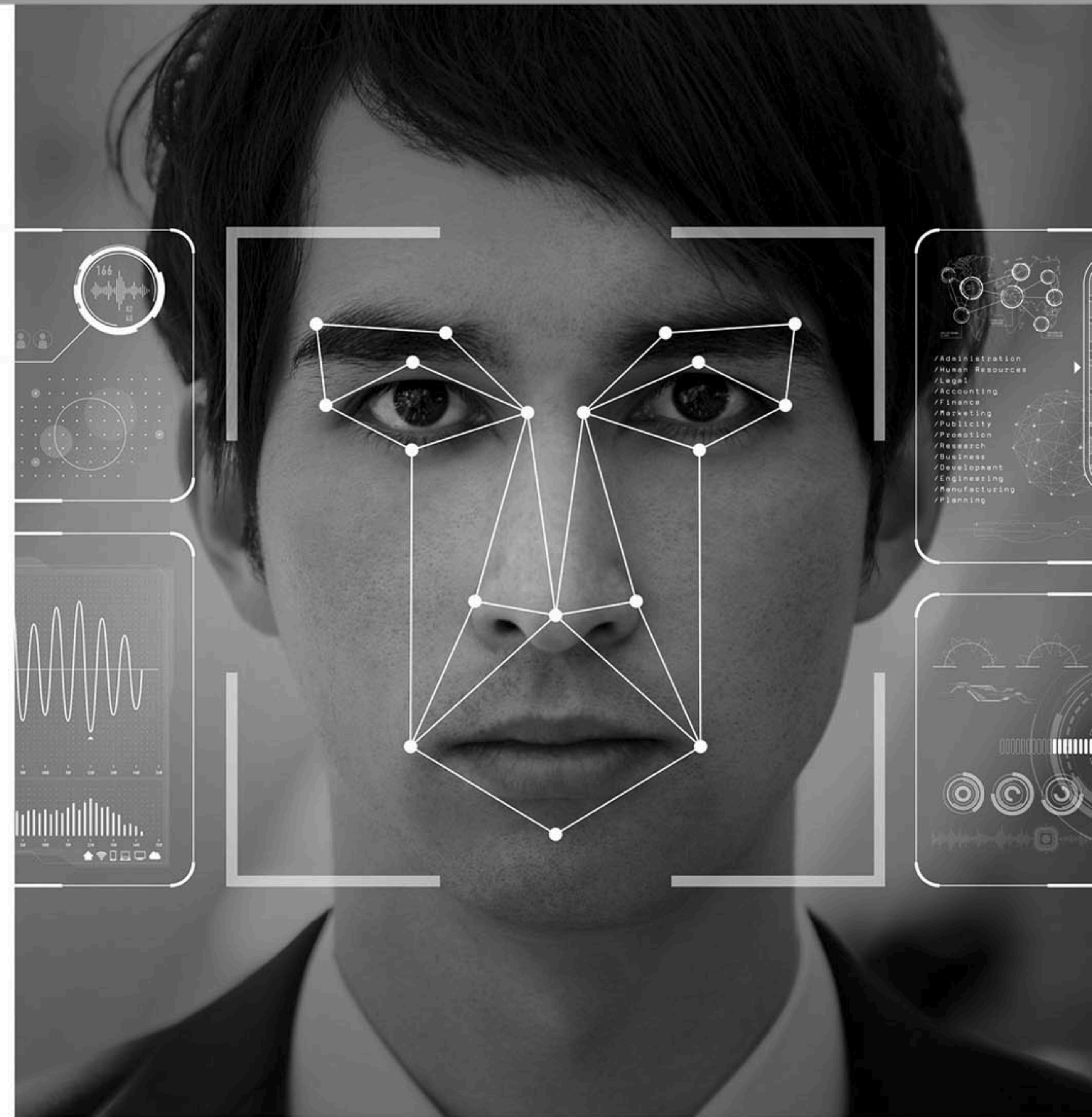
- 1 In twenty years, what new technology do you think will be available that we don't have now?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What technology will have disappeared?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 What technology will we be using all the time?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What things will we still be able to do without technology?  
\_\_\_\_\_



## 1 LISTENING

A **1.01 LISTEN FOR ATTITUDE** Listen to a conversation between two friends, Carrie and Paul. Answer the questions.

- 1 Does Carrie like the app or not?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What does Carrie say that shows how she feels about the app?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Does Paul like the app or not?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What does Paul say that shows how he feels about the app?  
\_\_\_\_\_



B **1.01 LISTEN FOR MAIN POINTS** Listen again. Complete the chart with positives and negatives of facial recognition technology.

Positives	Negatives

## 2 CRITICAL THINKING

A **THINK CRITICALLY** Who do you think would want to use facial recognition technology? Who do you think would not want to use it? Explain your ideas.

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### 3 SPEAKING

A Complete the conversations with the phrases in the box. Two of the phrases won't be used.

can see how really thought of it	good point there valid point	guess so <del>you're coming from</del>	look at it that way you're saying
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- 1 A Robots have advanced so much in the past few years. I think they'll drastically change the way we live in the next five years or so.  
B I get where you're coming from, but I don't think things will change that radically.
- 2 A I don't like to use virtual assistants. I've heard that everything they hear is recorded and stored. I don't want all of my personal conversations recorded.  
B I hadn't \_\_\_\_\_ like that. Now I don't know if I want to keep mine.
- 3 A I hope chatbots don't replace all customer service personnel. I like talking to real people.  
B I understand what \_\_\_\_\_, but I think chatbots will help companies save money, and then their goods and services will be cheaper to buy.
- 4 A I don't think we should let robots do so many different jobs. They'll take jobs away from people.  
B You could \_\_\_\_\_, but if robots do simple jobs, humans will be able to do more interesting work.
- 5 A Language is really complex. Computer translation apps make so many mistakes. That's why I don't like to use them.  
B That's a \_\_\_\_\_, but they can be helpful sometimes.
- 6 A I think I would feel uncomfortable having a robot that looks like a human cooking, cleaning, and walking around in my home. It would be weird.  
B I \_\_\_\_\_, but it would be really convenient not to have to cook and clean anymore.

B Write a conversation for each situation. Use the language you practiced in exercise 3A.

- 1 Anna doesn't like using speech-to-text because there are always so many mistakes. Timo thinks it saves time and helps people who have trouble with their hands.

Anna \_\_\_\_\_

Timo \_\_\_\_\_

Anna \_\_\_\_\_

Timo \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Michael thinks that everyone should study technology instead of art or literature because technology will be more important in the future. Mila thinks that studying art and literature make us think creatively, and that will help us develop better technology.

Michael \_\_\_\_\_

Mila \_\_\_\_\_

Michael \_\_\_\_\_

Mila \_\_\_\_\_

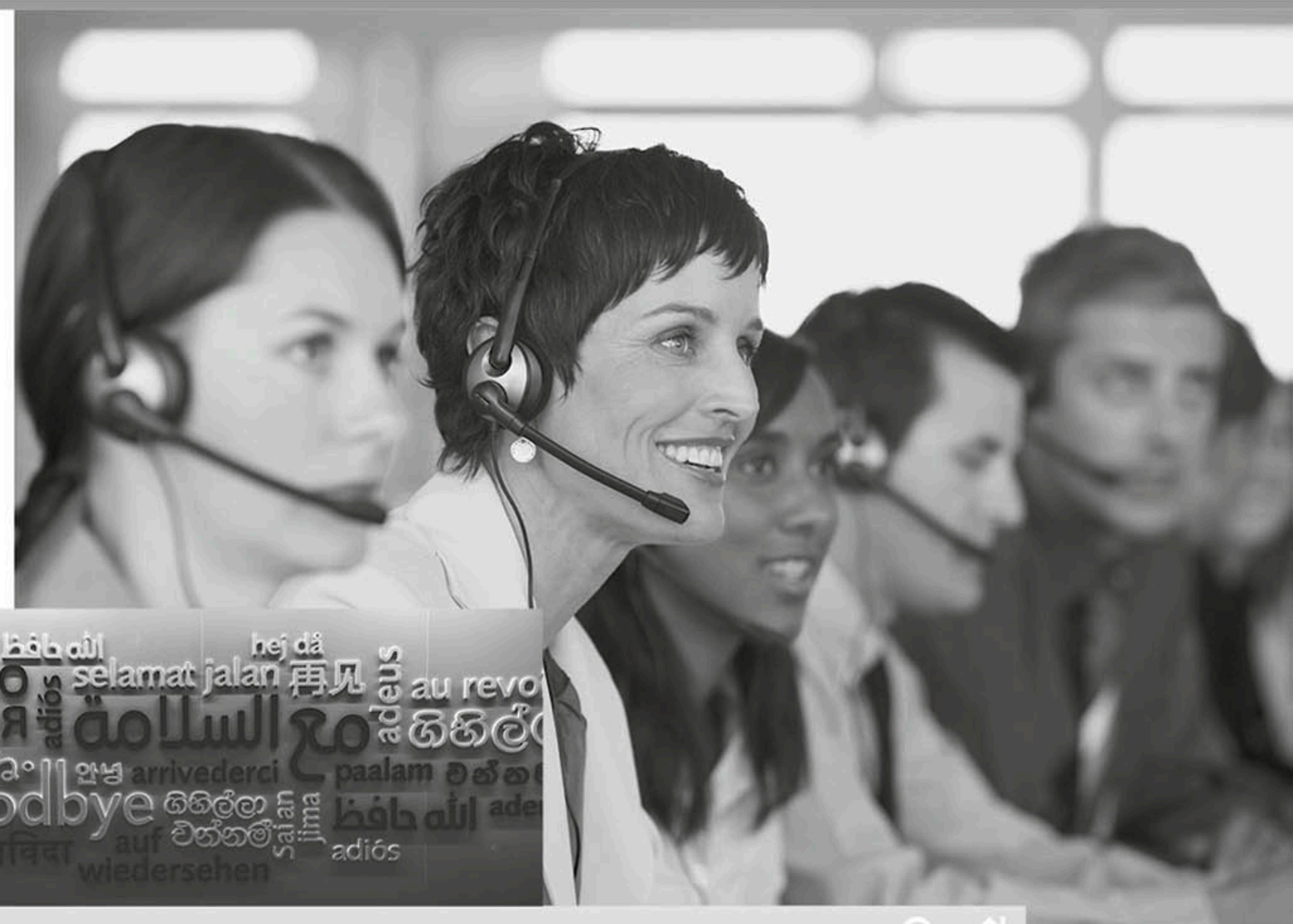




## 1 READING

A **PREDICT CONTENT FROM PICTURES** Look at the pictures. What ideas do you think might be explored in this essay? Check (✓) the ideas. Then read the essay and check your answers.

- a benefits of computer translation ☐
- b advantages of speaking multiple languages ☐
- c what human translators do better than computers ☐
- d disadvantages of computer translation ☐
- e costs of human translators vs. computers ☐



## ROBOT TRANSLATORS – THEY'RE FASTER, BUT ARE THEY BETTER?

Robots have already become a necessity in some industries. For instance, automobile factories rely on car-building robots for their precision and speed. The mining industry uses robots to mine efficiently and safely. Robotics technology will undoubtedly continue to advance, and robots will be replacing humans in a variety of fields. However, in the field of translation, artificial intelligence is no match for humans.

Computerized translation has its benefits. In situations such as, government meetings and international conferences, computers can translate for hours on end without tiring, unlike human translators. While a person can type an average of about 40 words per minute, a computer can work more than ten times as fast. In addition, a single computer can translate an unlimited number of languages. A person can only translate one language at a time.

Despite the benefits of computer technology, humans will likely always produce better and more accurate translations. First of all, no computer can understand all the slang, idioms, expressions, and local variations in even a single language. For example, how would a robot translate the expression "I've got your back," which does not translate literally? Second, computers can't pick up on things like the subtle differences in the meanings of words, tone, emotion, humor, or sarcasm. For instance, would a robot understand the slang usage of the phrase "give me a ring," which can mean "call me"? Third, language constantly changes. New words are born and existing words take on new meanings. All of these factors can lead to mistranslations and confusion. For these reasons, it will probably be a long time before computers can feasibly replace humans in the field of translation.

B **READ FOR DETAIL** Read the essay again. Answer the questions.

- 1 What reasons does the writer give for stating that computer translation technology is not as good as human translators?

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- 2 According to the writer, what are some benefits of computerized translation?

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## 2 CRITICAL THINKING

A **THINK CRITICALLY** Answer the question.

Do you think someone who speaks multiple languages would agree or disagree with this essay? Explain.

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