

Part 2

Read the text. Complete each sentence with one word from the text.

We all use computers, smartphones and tablets in our everyday life. The time when these things were considered luxury items for the elite few is well in the past. But how is technological progress going to affect our lives in the future?

Many think that as computers are becoming smarter and smarter, they will soon take over several tasks which until now have required human intelligence. Computers or AI (artificial intelligence) will most probably regulate traffic in the future, control production in factories, operate delicate machines and drive boats and trains. Some of these things are no longer part of science fiction, but have been happening for the last thirty years or so. But what will happen as computers evolve further?

For those of us who have watched the Matrix trilogy, the evolution of computers to such a degree feels like a nightmare. Are computers going to take over from man? Are we going to become their slaves sometime in the distant future? Are they going to turn evil and destroy the Earth?

Other science fiction works foresee a more favourable future for the human race. Computers and robots become very intelligent, but they have in-built laws that don't allow them to harm people. These intelligent machines are (according to some writers) going to help mankind conquer space travel and protect it from yet unknown enemy life forms.

What does the future hold for computers, robots and us? Are we going to continue developing computers, robots and the software that runs them to the point where we, humans, become completely unnecessary for their survival? We'll just have to wait and see.

1. Technological _____ is going to change our lives.
2. Computers have already taken _____ some tasks from people.
3. In the _____ future, people may become the slaves of computers.
4. There will be some kind of software programs that won't _____ computers to harm people.
5. In the future, computers may not be dependent on humans for their _____.

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

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