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Robots smarter than humans by 2029

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THE READING

Robots will be more intelligent than humans by 2029. Google's Director of Engineering, Ray Kurzweil, said computers will learn just like us. They will tell jokes and stories. In 1999, scientists said computers would be very intelligent in hundreds of years. Today, they say computers will be one billion times smarter than us.

Many years ago, people thought Kurzweil's ideas were crazy. Now everyone has changed. His ideas are not crazy any more. High-tech things we use, see or read about every day make us think computers are intelligent. The iPhone and Google's self-driving cars show us a computer's intelligence.

Sources: http://www.**mirror.co.uk**/news/technology-science/technology/ray-kurzweil-robots-smarter-humans-3178027
http://www.**japantimes**.co.jp/news/2014/02/23/business/computers-to-top-humans-by-2029/

VOCABULARY MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	Robots will be more	a.	be very intelligent
2	by	b.	just like us
3.	Google's Director	c.	2029
4.	computers will learn	d.	of years
5.	They will tell	e.	intelligent than humans
6.	scientists said computers would	f.	smarter than us
7.	in hundreds	g.	of Engineering
8.	one billion times	h.	jokes and stories

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	Many years	a.	has changed
2	people thought Kurzweil's	b.	are intelligent
3.	Now everyone	c.	ideas were crazy
4.	His ideas are not	d.	ago
5.	High-	e.	driving cars
6.	things we use, see or read	f.	crazy any more
7.	make us think computers	g.	tech
8.	Google's self-	h.	about every day

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

(1) _____ intelligent than humans by 2029. Google's (2) _____, Ray Kurzweil, said computers will (3) _____. They will tell jokes and stories. (4) _____, scientists said computers would be very intelligent in (5) _____. Today, they say computers will be one billion (6) _____ us.

Many years (7) _____ Kurzweil's ideas were crazy. Now (8) _____. His ideas are not crazy any more. (9) _____ we use, see or read about every (10) _____ think computers are intelligent. The (11) _____ self-driving cars show us a (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

Write about **robots** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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