

www.**Breaking News English**.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

www.breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

**Thousands more free lessons
from Sean's other websites**

www.freematerials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html

Level 1

Robots smarter than humans by 2029

26th February, 2014

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140226-artificial-intelligence-1.html>

Contents

The Reading	2
Vocabulary Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Writing and Speaking	6
Writing	7

Try Level 0 (easier), Level 2 (harder) & the 26–page Level 3 (harder).

Twitter



twitter.com/SeanBanville

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

Google +



<https://plus.google.com/+SeanBanville>

THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140226-artificial-intelligence-1.html>

A scientist said robots will be more intelligent than humans by 2029. Ray Kurzweil, Google's Director of Engineering, is an expert on artificial intelligence (AI). He says computers will learn from experiences, just like us. They will tell jokes and stories, and even flirt. In 1999, many experts said it would be hundreds of years before computers were very intelligent. Today, scientists say computers will be one billion times smarter than the human brain.

Mr Kurzweil joked that many years ago, people thought his ideas were crazy. Now everyone has changed their thinking. His ideas are not crazy any more. Everyone else has changed their ideas about computers. High-tech things we use, see or read about every day make us think computers are intelligent. Things like voice-recognition technology and Google's self-driving cars make us think more about computer 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

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140226-artificial-intelligence-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. robots will be more | a. intelligence |
| 2. Google's Director | b. of years |
| 3. an expert on artificial | c. intelligent than humans |
| 4. They will tell | d. the human brain |
| 5. experts said it would be hundreds | e. very intelligent |
| 6. computers were | f. times |
| 7. one billion | g. jokes and stories |
| 8. smarter than | h. of Engineering |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. many years | a. recognition technology |
| 2. people thought his | b. changed |
| 3. everyone has | c. driving cars |
| 4. His ideas are not | d. about every day |
| 5. changed their ideas | e. ago |
| 6. things we use, see or read | f. crazy any more |
| 7. voice- | g. ideas were crazy |
| 8. Google's self- | h. about computers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140226-artificial-intelligence-1.html>

A scientist (1) _____ more intelligent than humans by 2029. Ray Kurzweil, Google's (2) _____, is an expert on artificial intelligence (AI). He says computers will (3) _____, just like us. They will (4) _____, and even flirt. In 1999, many experts said it would be hundreds of years before computers (5) _____. Today, scientists say computers will be one (6) _____ than the human brain.

Mr Kurzweil (7) _____ years ago, people thought his ideas were crazy. Now everyone (8) _____ thinking. His ideas are (9) _____. Everyone else has changed their ideas about computers. High-tech things we (10) _____ about every day make us think computers are intelligent. Things (11) _____ technology and Google's self-driving cars make us think more (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140226-artificial-intelligence-1.html>

Ascientistsaidrobotswillbemoreintelligentthanhumansby2029.RayKurzweil,Google'sDirectorofEngineering,isanexpertonartificialintelligence(AI).Hesayscomputerswilllearnfromexperiences,justlikeus.Theywilltelljokesandstories,andevenflirt.In1999,manyexpertssaiditwouldbehundredsofyearsbeforecomputerswereveryintelligent.Today,scientistssaycomputerswillbeonebilliontimesmarterthanthehumanbrain.MrKurzweiljokedthatmanyyearsago,peoplethoughtthisideaswerecrazy.Noweveryonehaschangedtheirthinking.Hisideasarenotcrazyanymore.Everyoneelsehaschangedtheirideasaboutcomputers.High-techthingsweuse,seeorreadabout everydaymakeusthinkcomputersareintelligent.Thingslikevoice-recognitiontechnologyandGoogle'sself-drivingcarsmakeusthinkmoreaboutcomputerintelligence.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

Robots smarter than humans by 2029 – 26th February, 2014
More free lessons at www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
