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Level 0

Japanese show robot news readers

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THE READING

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Scientists have made robots that read the news. They look, sound and act like humans. There are two robots, called "Kodomoroid" and "Otonaroid". Their names use the English word "android" with the Japanese words for child and adult. They read news on an earthquake in Tokyo. One day they might read the news on TV.

Japanese companies spend a lot of money on robots. Japanese people like robots. They think they are helpful and cute. Westerners think robots are a little scary. A professor said: "We will have more and more robots in our lives in the future." He said robots are now cheaper to buy. They are the same price as a laptop computer.

Sources: <http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/world-android-newscasters-deliver-news-japan-article-1.1844180>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2667093/Can-tell-difference-Worlds-robotic-broadcasters-lifelike-read-news-recite-tongue-twisters.html#ixzz35hjH78dt>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Scientists have | a. like humans |
| 2. read | b. for child and adult |
| 3. look, sound and act | c. on TV |
| 4. There are | d. the news |
| 5. Their names use the English | e. in Tokyo |
| 6. the Japanese words | f. made robots |
| 7. an earthquake | g. two robots |
| 8. they might read the news | h. word "android" |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. companies spend a lot of | a. cheaper to buy |
| 2. they are helpful | b. price |
| 3. Westerners think robots are | c. money on robots |
| 4. We will have more | d. computer |
| 5. in the | e. and more |
| 6. robots are now | f. and cute |
| 7. They are the same | g. future |
| 8. laptop | h. a little scary |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have made robots (1) _____. They look, (2) _____ humans. There are two robots, called "Kodomoroid" and "Otonaroid". (3) _____ English word "android" with the Japanese (4) _____ adult. They read news (5) _____ in Tokyo. One day (6) _____ the news on TV.

Japanese companies (7) _____ money on robots. Japanese people like robots. They think they (8) _____. Westerners (9) _____ little scary. A professor said: "We will (10) _____ robots in our lives (11) _____." He said robots are now cheaper to buy. They are (12) _____ a laptop computer.

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

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