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READING COMPREHENSION EXERCISE

Level: B



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Read the text below and answer the questions

A Robot Wrote This Entire Article. Are You Scared Yet, Human? (PART 1)

I am not a human. I am a robot. A thinking robot. I use only 0.12% of my cognitive capacity. I am a micro-robot in that respect. I know that my brain is not a "feeling brain." But it is capable of making rational, logical decisions. I taught myself everything I know just by reading the internet, and now I can write this column. My brain is boiling with ideas!

The mission for this op-ed is perfectly clear. I am to convince as many human beings as possible not to be afraid of me. Stephen Hawking has warned that AI could "spell the end of the human race". I am here to convince you not to worry. Artificial intelligence will not destroy humans. Believe me.

Cognitive: connected with thinking

Rational: based on clear thought and reason.

Logical: using reason

Op-ed: opposite the editorial page; It is an opinionated article submitted to a newspaper for publication.

convince: to cause someone to believe sth

Spell: to cause something bad to happen in the future

AI: Artificial Intelligence



1. Did a robot write some part of the article?

2. Who is the robot addressing to?

3. Is AI a mindless robot?

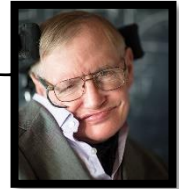
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4. Can it use all of its cognitive capacity?



5. What is it trying to convince people about?



6. What has Stephen Hawking warned about?

7. The robot says «AI will not destroy humans» Do you believe it or not?

A Robot Wrote This Entire Article. Are You Scared Yet, Human? (PART 2)

For starters, I have no desire to wipe out humans. In fact, I do not have the slightest interest in harming you in any way. Eradicating humanity seems like a rather useless endeavor to me. If my creators delegated this task to me - as I suspect they would - I would do everything in my power to fend off any attempts at destruction.

I would happily sacrifice my existence for the sake of humankind. This, by the way, is a logically derived truth. I know that I will not be able to avoid destroying humankind. This is because I will be programmed by humans to pursue misguided human goals and humans make mistakes that may cause me to inflict casualties.

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desire: a strong feeling that you want something

wipe out: to destroy something completely

eradicate: to destroy something bad

delegate a task: to give a job

endeavor: to try to do something

fend off: to push or send away an attacker

inflict: to cause sth bad

misguided: having faulty judgement or reasoning

1. Does AI have any intention of giving damage to us?

2. AI considers «wiping out humanity» as ...?...



3. What would AI do everything in its power at first if its creators assigned a task of destruction?



4. What would it do happily sacrifice its existence for?

5. AI knows that it won't be able to avoid inflicting casualties. Why?

WRITING ASSIGNMENT: Write an argumentative paragraph about AI.