

28 Day Magazine article



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Robots

By Ronald Rogers

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Some people like the idea of using robots. They believe that robots can do things like taking care of old people, playing with children or teaching students. In Japan, robots are used in hospitals to help sick people. Some companies even sell robots that look like cats and dogs so that people can keep them at home.

However, many people think that robots are so dangerous that **they** can do so many jobs. They are afraid that robots will bring negative impacts to humans in the future.



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- C talk like humans D work in space

Fill in the blanks.

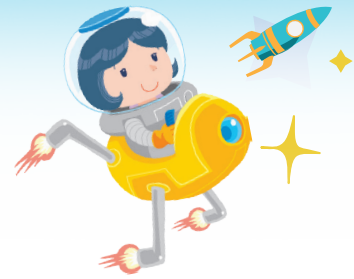
- 2 Nowadays, robots can _____ at home and _____ in factories.

- 3 Read the article again and complete the sentences. Use only **ONE** word for each blank.

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