

2a Tell your partner what you know about robots. What do they look like and what can they do?

2b Read the article and match each paragraph with the question it discusses.

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| Paragraph 1 | Will robots think like humans in the future? |
| Paragraph 2 | What will robots be like in the future? |
| Paragraph 3 | What can robots do today? |
| Paragraph 4 | What are robots like in movies? |

Do You Think You Will Have Your Own Robot?

- When we watch movies about the future, we sometimes see robots. They are usually like human servants. They help with the housework and do jobs like working in dirty or dangerous places.
- Today there are already robots working in factories. Some can help to build cars, and they do simple jobs over and over again. Fewer people will do such jobs in the future because they are boring, but robots will never get bored.
- Scientists are now trying to make robots look like humans and do the same things as we do. Some robots in Japan can walk and dance. They are fun to watch. However, some scientists believe that although we can make robots move like people, it will be difficult to make them really think like a human. For example, scientist James White thinks that robots will never be able to wake up and know where they are. But many scientists disagree with Mr. White. They think that robots will even be able to talk like humans in 25 to 50 years.
- Some scientists believe that there will be more robots in the future. However, they agree it may take hundreds of years. These new robots will have many different shapes. Some will look like humans, and others might look like animals. In India, for example, scientists made robots that look like snakes. If buildings fall down with people inside, these snake robots can help look for people under the buildings. This was not possible 20 years ago, but computers and rockets also seemed impossible 100 years ago. We never know what will happen in the future!



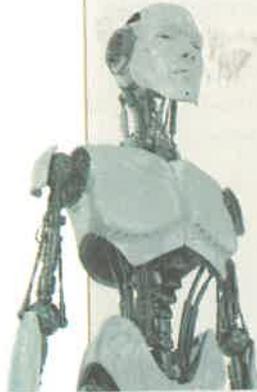
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Read the article again quickly. Complete the sentences about what robots can do now.

1. Robots can build _____ in factories.
2. They can do _____ jobs many times and never get bored.
3. Some can _____ and _____.
4. Some can help _____ people under _____.

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Fill in the blanks in this paragraph with words from the article.



Some robots are very human-like. They can walk and _____ like people. Some scientists think that in the future they will _____ robots more like humans. This may not _____ in the near future, but at some point, robots will even be able to _____ like people. However, some scientists _____. James White believes that robots will not be able to do the _____ things as we can. For example, he thinks that robots will _____ be able to wake up and know where they are. Which side do you _____ with?

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What kinds of animals might robots look like in the future? What do you think these robots will be able to do? Write your ideas and discuss them with your partner.

I think some future robots might look like _____. They will _____
