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1. Write the words next to their definition (you can use an online dictionary) <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/>

empathy – to underestimate – creativity – to diagnose – a takeover – to adapt

* 1. The ability to think of new ideas Creativity
  2. to think something is less than it is to underestimate
  3. to work out what kind of illness someone has to diagnose
  4. when someone takes control of something, like a job or a place A takeover
  5. to change something so that it fits better to adapt
  6. the ability to deeply understand someone's situation or feelings Empathy

# Read the story about robot teachers and circle the correct answer (True or False)

If you think of the jobs robots could never do, you would probably put doctors and teachers at the top of the list. It's easy to imagine robot cleaners and factory workers, but some jobs need human connection and creativity. But are we underestimating what robots can do? In some cases, they already perform better than doctors at diagnosing illness. Also, some patients might feel more comfortable sharing personal information with a machine than a person. Could there be a place for robots in education after all?

British education expert Anthony Seldon thinks so. And he even has a date for the robot takeover of the classroom: 2027. He predicts robots will do the main job of transferring information and teachers will be like assistants. Intelligent robots will read students' faces, movements and maybe even brain signals. Then they will adapt the information to each student. It's not a popular opinion and it's unlikely robots will ever have empathy and the ability to really connect with humans like another human can.

One thing is certain, though. A robot teacher is better than no teacher at all. In some parts of the world, there aren't enough teachers and 9–16 per cent of children under the age of 14 don't go to school. That problem could be partly solved by robots because they can teach anywhere and won't get stressed, or tired, or move somewhere for an easier, higher-paid job.

Those negative aspects of teaching are something everyone agrees on. Teachers all over the world are leaving because it is a difficult job and they feel overworked. Perhaps the question is not 'Will robots replace teachers?' but 'How can robots help teachers?' Office workers can use software to do things like organize and answer emails, arrange meetings and update calendars. Teachers waste a lot of time doing non-teaching work, including more than 11 hours a week marking homework. If robots could cut the time teachers spend marking homework and writing reports, teachers would have more time and energy for the parts of the job humans do best.

## Most jobs seem as if they can be done by robots or computers.

* 1. True B. False

## Robots are always better at diagnosing illnesses than doctors.

* 1. True B. False

## Many experts agree robots will replace teachers by 2027.

* 1. True B. False

## One advantage of robot teachers is that they don't need to rest.

* 1. True B. False

## Robot assistants could help teachers by marking homework and writing reports.

* 1. True B. False

## Some teachers use robots to reduce their time answering emails and marking homework.

* 1. True B. False

# 3. Do you think it would be better to have robot teachers instead of real teachers? (use these words in your answer: In my opinion

– because – besides that)

In my opinion no, because the education is different, the care and virtues are differents, besides the teacher helps to understand the class.

**Example:** In my opinion Robot Teachers will never replace real teachers because they can’t show empathy or emotions. Besides that, they can’t react to unforeseen situations that require creativity etc.