

You are going to read a text about **artificial intelligence**. Think of a word that fits into each blank !

Artificial Intelligence

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"You (3) _____ have several computers in your kitchen, " says Dr Rodney Brooks of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, pointing to the computer chips in our coffee makers, fridges, washing (4) _____ and ovens. It's almost impossible to imagine a world (5) _____ computers.

Dr Brooks is director of MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. He says that computers are not (6) _____ becoming more common, they're (7) _____ smarter too. They're starting to think.

Scientists at AI Research are developing their own thinking robot, (8) _____ Hal. Child expert Anat Treister-Goren is teaching Hal to speak. She talks to him and reads (9) _____ children's stories. Baby Hal is growing up fast, and his language level is improving quickly. Soon, if (10) _____ speak to him, you might even think he's human !

AI experts (11) _____ optimistic. They hope that, (12) _____ day, intelligent machines will be all around us. Perhaps everyone will have a Hal - their own personal assistant. If you've got a question, Hal will know the (13) _____. If you want to go on a trip, Hal will be able to (14) _____ all the arrangements. He'll never get tired, he'll never be ill and he'll never (15) _____ angry. The technology is almost here. Think about it. Wouldn't you like to (16) _____ your own "Hal" ?

KEY:

Predicting the future isn't easy. In 1943, Thomas Watson, chairman **OF** the company IBM, said , "I think there's a world market for about five computers." Even in the 1970s, many experts **WERE** saying, "Nobody will want a computer in their home." But today, computer technology is everywhere.

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AI experts **ARE** optimistic. They hope that, **ONE** day, intelligent machines will be all around us. Perhaps everyone will have a Hal - their own personal assistant. If you've got a question, Hal will know the **ANSWER**. If you want to go on a trip, Hal will be able to **MAKE** all the arrangements. He'll never get tired, he'll never be ill and he'll never **GET** angry. The technology is almost here. Think about it. Wouldn't you like to **HAVE** your own "Hal" ?