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Hollywood actor says OpenAI Sora could cause job losses

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Actor Tyler Perry is worried people in Hollywood will lose jobs because of AI. He has delayed spending \$800 million on his studio. Instead, he will wait to see how AI affects jobs. He is worried about OpenAI's new text-to-video tool, Sora. He said his studio project was, "on hold because of Sora." He told "The Hollywood Reporter" website: "There's got to be some sort of [rules] in order to protect us [from AI]."

Sora can make videos up to a minute long. The user types some text, and the software creates a video. Sora is a Japanese word, meaning "sky". The New York Times said the name shows Sora's "limitless creative potential". Tyler Perry said: "It makes me worry so much about all of the people in the...industry who would be affected by this, including actors...and editors." He added: "I'm thinking this will touch every corner of our industry."

Sources: <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/business/business-news/tyler-perry-ai-alarm-1235833276/>
<https://openai.com/sora>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Actor Tyler Perry | a. jobs |
| 2. people in Hollywood | b. to protect us |
| 3. He has delayed | c. will lose jobs |
| 4. he will wait | d. hold |
| 5. how AI affects | e. to see |
| 6. OpenAI's new text-to-video | f. is worried |
| 7. his studio project was on | g. tool |
| 8. rules in order | h. spending |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Sora can make videos up | a. creates a video |
| 2. The user types | b. editors |
| 3. the software | c. some text |
| 4. Sora is a Japanese word, | d. potential |
| 5. limitless creative | e. of our industry |
| 6. all of the people in | f. to a minute long |
| 7. including actors and | g. the industry |
| 8. touch every corner | h. meaning "sky" |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Actor Tyler Perry (1) _____ in Hollywood will lose jobs because of AI. He (2) _____ \$800 million on his studio. Instead, he will (3) _____ how AI affects jobs. He is worried about OpenAI's new (4) _____ tool, Sora. He said his studio project was, "(5) _____ of Sora." He told "The Hollywood Reporter" website: "There's got to be some sort of [rules] in (6) _____ us [from AI]."

Sora can make videos (7) _____ minute long. The user (8) _____, and the software creates a video. Sora is a Japanese word, meaning "sky". The New York Times said (9) _____ Sora's "limitless creative potential". Tyler Perry said: "It makes me (10) _____ about all of the people in the...industry who would be affected by this, including (11) _____." He added: "I'm thinking this will touch (12) _____ our industry."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TEXT-TO-VIDEO SOFTWARE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240307-sora-text-to-video-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about text-to-video software in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **text-to-video software** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
