

'Robocop' – first robot police officer starts work

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The world's first robot police officer has started working. Its name is 'RoboCop' and it went into service for the Dubai Police earlier this week. RoboCop's first official duty was to greet guests at the opening of a security conference in Dubai. Apart from greeting visitors, its job was to answer questions and give directions. RoboCop has a built-in tablet for people to interact with. People can use the tablet to pay traffic fines and use other smart police services. The tablet is linked to a police station, so people can talk to human police officers. In addition, RoboCop can speak six languages, including English and Arabic. The 170-centimetre-tall robot can also shake hands, salute people and recognize people's emotions and facial expressions.

Dubai Police says RoboCop is the first of many robot police officers for the city. A spokesman said that by 2030, 25 per cent of the Dubai Police force will be robots. He said: "We are looking to make everything smart in Dubai Police. By 2030, we will have the first smart police station which won't require human employees." He added: "The RoboCop is the latest smart addition to the police force and has been designed to help us fight crime, keep the city safe and improve happiness levels." He said RoboCop will, "assist and help people in the malls or on the streets". An official at the security conference commented that the future is here now, saying: "The age of the robots is no longer coming. It has arrived."

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Writing

Robot police officers are better than human police officers. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

robot / police officer / official duty / security conference / greeting visitors / traffic fines / smart / human / employees / force / fight crime / improve happiness / help / future

True / False

- The world's first robot police officer, RoboCop, started work in Dubai. T / F
- RoboCop's first duty was to be greeted by guests at a conference. T / F
- RoboCop had to ask questions and ask for directions. T / F
- RoboCop can speak more than six languages. T / F
- By 2030, half of Dubai's police force will be robots. T / F
- Dubai will have the world's first smart police station by 2030. T / F
- Robot police officers will help improve people's happiness. T / F
- A security conference official said the age of the robots has arrived. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. started | a. welcoming |
| 2. task | b. feelings |
| 3. greeting | c. Internet-connected |
| 4. linked | d. job |
| 5. emotions | e. created |
| 6. smart | f. began / begun |
| 7. require | g. era |
| 8. designed | h. remarked |
| 9. commented | i. connected |
| 10. age | j. need |

Discussion – Student A

- How do you feel about robots?
- What do you think of giving guns to robots?
- In what ways would robots be better police officers than humans?
- What would happen if robots took over the world?
- Why are most robots in robot movies scary or bad?
- How would you feel about having a robot to do your housework?
- Do robots take away people's jobs or create more jobs?
- What role do robots play in your country?

Phrase Match

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| 1. The world's first robot police officer has | a. guests |
| 2. it went into | b. crime |
| 3. greet | c. expressions |
| 4. pay traffic | d. many robot police officers |
| 5. recognize people's emotions and facial | e. people |
| 6. the first of | f. started working |
| 7. we will have the first smart | g. longer coming |
| 8. designed to help us fight | h. police station |
| 9. assist and help | i. service for the Dubai Police |
| 10. The age of the robots is no | j. fines |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- How useful does the RoboCop in Dubai sound?
- What do you think of a police station staffed by only robots?
- How can robots increase happiness levels?
- Which jobs do you think robots should never be allowed to do?
- Will robots ever think and feel just like humans?
- What will robots be doing in our lives in 50 years from now?
- What questions would you like to ask a robot expert?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. a	4. i	5. b
6. c	7. j	8. e	9. h	10. g

Role Play

Role A – They Work 24 Hours a Day

You think they work 24 hours a day is the best thing about robots. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): they don't make mistakes, humans can rest or they are cool.

Role B – They Don't Make Mistakes

You think they don't make mistakes is the best thing about robots. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): they work 24 hours a day, humans can rest or they are cool.

Role C – Humans Can Rest

You think humans can rest is the best thing about robots. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): they don't make mistakes, they work 24 hours a day or they are cool.

Role D – They Are Cool

You think they are cool is the best thing about robots. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): they don't make mistakes, humans can rest or they work 24 hours a day.

Speaking – Robots

Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about robots at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- they are helpful
- humans can rest
- our lives are better
- they are cool
- they work 24 hours a day
- they don't say no
- they don't make mistakes
- cheaper than humans

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.