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Level 0 – 12th September, 2018

U.S. to spend \$2 billion on artificial intelligence weapons

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The USA will spend \$2 billion on artificial intelligence for weapons. This is the most it has ever spent. It wants the most advanced weapons in the world - better than China's and Russia's. The USA wants weapons that will not make mistakes.

An official said: "We think we can accelerate two decades of progress into five years."

The new weapons could make their own decisions, without any humans helping. This could mean innocent people being killed.

These weapons can already choose targets on their own.

Generals do not want to let the weapons decide which targets to attack. The generals want to do this.

Sources: <https://www.theverge.com/2018/9/8/17833160/pentagon-darpa-artificial-intelligence-ai-investment>
<https://money.cnn.com/2018/09/07/technology/darpa-artificial-intelligence/index.html>
<https://interestingengineering.com/us-department-of-defense-to-invest-2-billion-in-ai-research>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180912-weapons-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The USA | a. advanced weapons |
| 2. artificial intelligence | b. accelerate |
| 3. the most it has | c. for weapons |
| 4. It wants the most | d. of progress |
| 5. better than | e. ever spent |
| 6. not make | f. China's |
| 7. We think we can | g. will spend \$2 billion |
| 8. two decades | h. mistakes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. weapons could make their | a. targets to attack |
| 2. without any humans | b. own decisions |
| 3. This could mean innocent | c. decide |
| 4. These weapons can | d. helping |
| 5. choose targets on | e. to do this |
| 6. let the weapons | f. already choose |
| 7. which | g. their own |
| 8. The generals want | h. people being killed |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ spend \$2 billion on artificial intelligence for weapons. This (2) _____ it has ever spent. It wants the most advanced weapons (3) _____ - better than China's and Russia's. The USA (4) _____ will not make mistakes. An official said: "We (5) _____ accelerate two decades of progress (6) _____."

The new weapons could (7) _____ decisions, without any humans helping. (8) _____ innocent people being killed. These (9) _____ choose targets (10) _____. Generals do not want to let the weapons (11) _____ to attack. The generals want (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WEAPONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180912-weapons-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about weapons 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) _____

