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### **Level 4 - 1st April 2024**

AI an 'extinction-level threat' says study by experts

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https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240401-ai-extinction-4.html

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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### THE READING

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240401-ai-extinction-4.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240401-ai-extinction-4.html</a>

Artificial intelligence is an existential threat. So says a U.S. report, which painted a worst-case-scenario "extinction-level threat" to humanity. It identified a "growing risk to national security". The report said there was a "clear and urgent need" for the government to intervene "quickly and decisively". It said AI could destabilise global security, "in ways reminiscent of the introduction of nuclear weapons". It called for the regulation of AI companies.

The report was commissioned by the U.S. State

Department. Experts spoke at length to AI companies like

OpenAI and Google. The experts recommended upper limits on
the amount of computing power for an AI model. They also
recommended making it illegal to reveal the coding behind AI.

The Futurism.com website spoke to researchers who said:

"There's a five per cent chance that humans will be driven to
extinction."

Sources: https://**futurism.com**/state-department-ai-warning-compute

https://time.com/6898967/ai-extinction-national-security-risks-report/

https://www.commondreams.org/news/state-department-commissioned-report-warns-a-i-could-

be-an-extinction-level-threat

### PHRASE MATCHING

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

- 1. Artificial intelligence is
- 2. a worst-case
- 3. It identified a growing
- 4. national
- 5. there was a clear and
- 6. intervene quickly
- 7. AI could destabilise
- 8. It called for the regulation

- a. urgent need
- b. security
- c. of AI companies
- d. and decisively
- e. scenario
- f. global security
- g. an existential threat
- h. risk

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

- 1. commissioned by
- 2. Experts spoke
- 3. The experts recommended
- 4. the amount of computing
- 5. making it illegal to reveal
- 6. The Futurism.com website
- 7. There's a five per cent
- 8. driven

- a. spoke to researchers
- b. upper limits
- c. to extinction
- d. chance
- e. power
- f. the U.S. State Department
- g. the coding behind
- h. at length

# **LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS**

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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### **EXTINCTION SURVEY**

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2404/240401-ai-extinction-4.html

Write five GOOD questions about extinction 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).

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# **WRITING**

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Write about <b>extinction</b> for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.