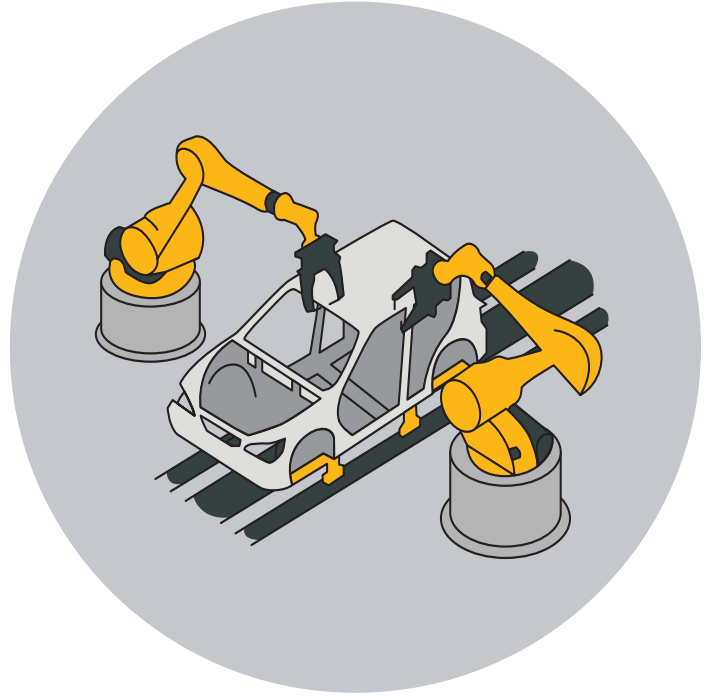


Robots

Pre-Reading

A. Warm-Up Questions

- 1 Have you ever seen a robot?
- 2 What can robots do?
- 3 What do robots look like?



B. Vocabulary Preview

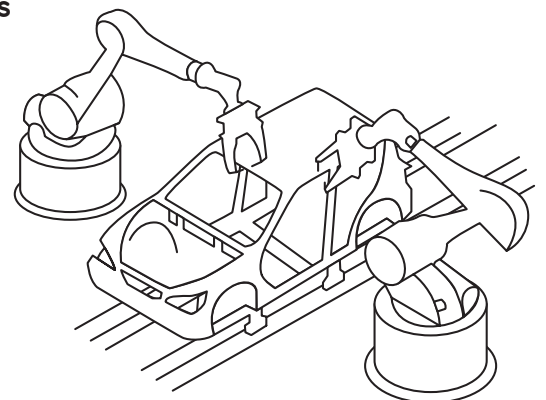
Match up as many words and meanings as you can.
 Check this exercise again after seeing the words in context on page 2.

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| _____ 1 structure | (a) a place where things are made |
| _____ 2 factory | (b) not safe |
| _____ 3 automatic | (c) a physical shape |
| _____ 4 dangerous | (d) not simple |
| _____ 5 advanced | (e) doing something without help |

Reading

Robots

- 1 Did you know that robots are similar to people? People have bodies and brains. Robots are machines that have a **structure** like a body with a computer inside that works like a brain. Not all robots actually look like people, though.
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Comprehension

Discuss these questions in pairs and then write the answers below.

1 What is a robot?

2 What can robots do?

3 Why do some robots do dangerous things?

4 Where is the robot hotel?

5 Why are some people afraid robots will take their jobs?

Bonus Question

What do we call very small robots?

littlebots

babybots

minibots

nanobots

Practice

A. True or False?

Write T if the statement is true and F if the statement is false.

- _____ **1** All robots look the same.
- _____ **2** Robots can be used in factories.
- _____ **3** Robots can't fight cancer.
- _____ **4** Technology is not popular in Japan.
- _____ **5** Some police officers and doctors use robots to practice their jobs.

B. Matchup

Draw a line between the words and their opposites.

Words

- 1** common
- 2** automatic
- 3** similar
- 4** dangerous
- 5** floor
- 6** advanced

Opposites

- a** easy
- b** unusual
- c** ceiling
- d** different
- e** manual
- f** safe

Listening

Listen to a recording of this reading.

Fill in the blanks. Listen again and check your answers.

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