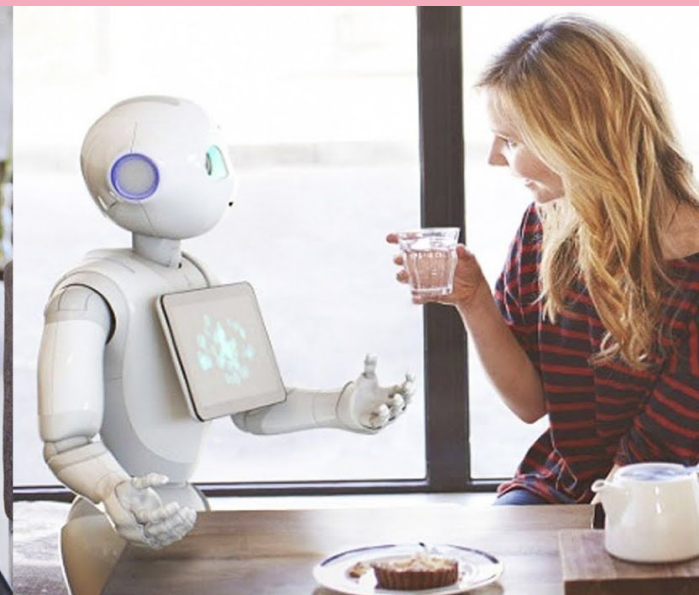
OUR CHANGING WORLD

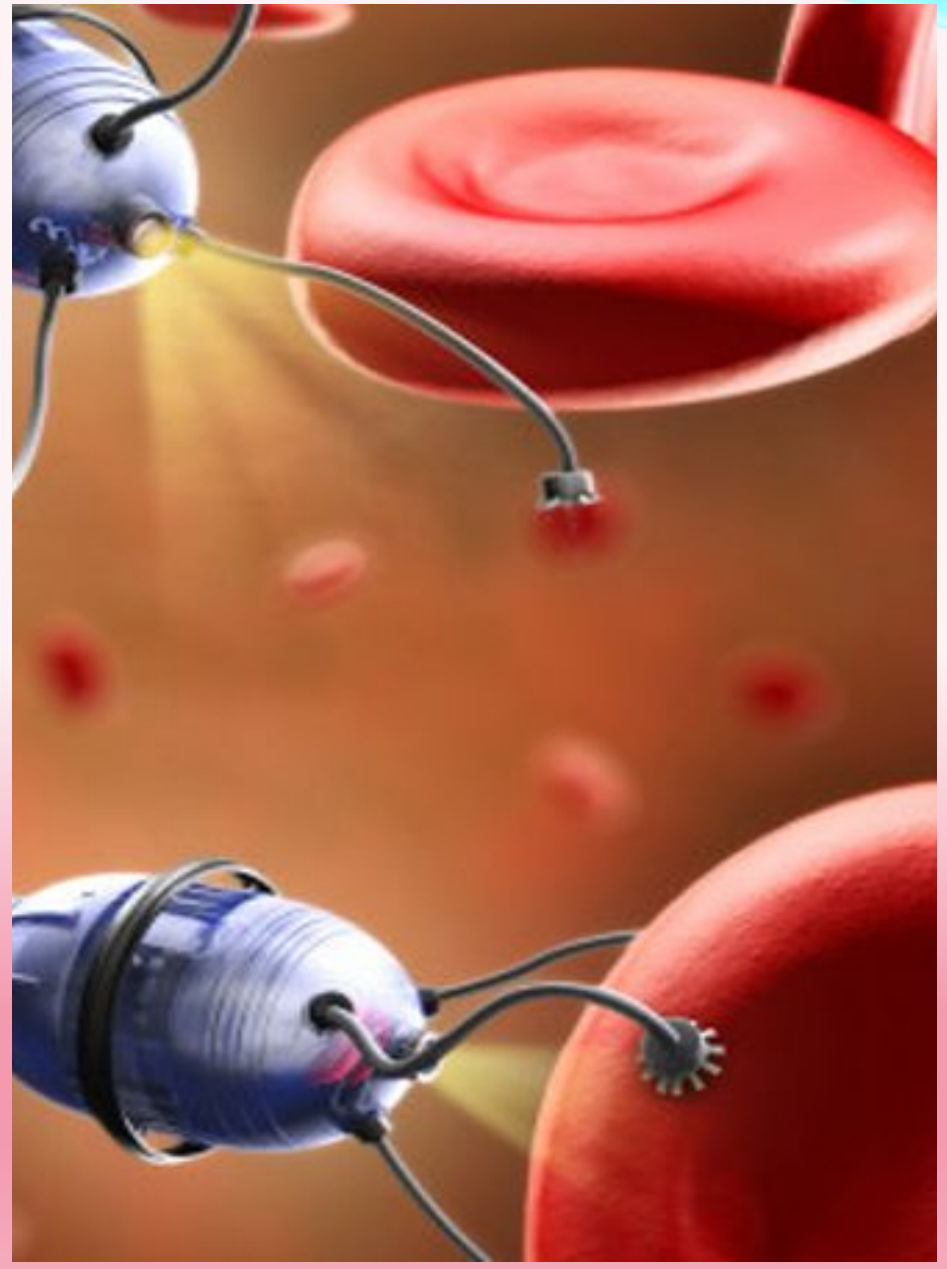
Science and Technology

WHAT CHANGES TO OUR WORLD DO THESE PICTURES REPRESENT?



LOOK AT THE POSSIBLE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES. WHICH ONES DO YOU THINK WILL OCCUR IN THE NEXT 50 YEARS? ARE THERE ANY WHICH YOU THINK WILL NEVER HAPPEN?
GIVE REASONS FOR YOUR OPINIONS.

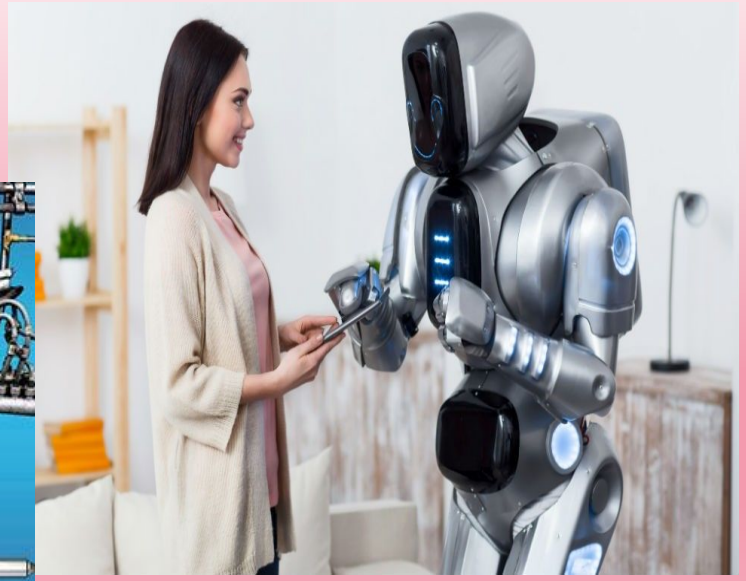
- a computer that can hold a proper conversation
- a manned mission to Mars
- a vaccine against AIDS
- an electric car which is as fast as a petrol-powered one
- a device which predicts earthquakes accurately
- a hurricane-proof home
- Your own ideas



HOW WILL THESE CHANGES AFFECT OUR LIVES IN THE FUTURE?

Which will have the greatest impact on our lives?

Which changes are for the better and which for the worst?



Use some of the expressions to discuss other changes to our lives.

Think about:

- Entertainment
- Work
- Education
- Business
- Communication
- Clothes

• in the past • in the old days • years ago • a thing of the past • in my grandparents' time	• today • whereas these days • at the moment • in recent years • recently • becoming more and more	• in a few years' time • in the not too distant future • by the year 2050 • in years to come • years from now

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

What applications of artificial intelligence would you like to see in the future?

Think about:

- Education
- Work
- Travel
- Finance
- Medicine

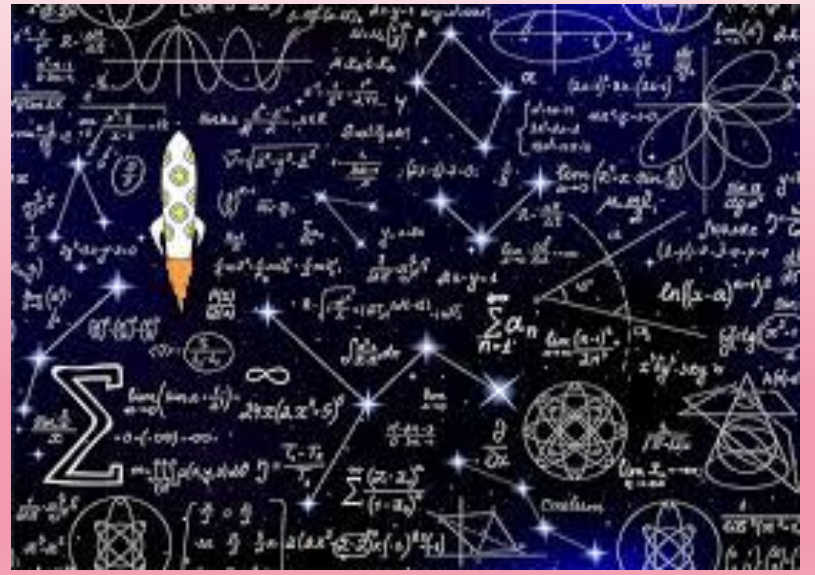
IDIOMS

A

1. Break
2. Blind someone
3. Move with
4. Be somebody's
5. Once in a
6. Turn the
7. Come down
8. Reinvent
9. It's doesn't take
10. stand the test

B

a/ a rocket scientist
b/ clock back
c/ with science
d/ of time
e/ guinea pig
f/ blue moon
g/ to earth
h/ the wheel
i/ the mould
j/the times



1. Jeff finally saw the reality of the situation after his employer explained to him that extra responsibilities went along with his new promotion.
2. In order to ensure our company's continued success we have to keep up with modern trends.
3. I don't know why you think he's so special. It's doesn't require that much intelligence to install a software program.
4. You're confusing me with all that technological language. Just tell me in simple terms how to connect to the internet.
5. Sue, can I experiment on you by having you try out this new program I designed?