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my friend the robot

Technology never stops. Years ago, nobody expected personal computers to become as popular as they are right now. But now that dream is a reality. Now people might dream about having a personal robot, which is not very likely to happen but will be so common in the future.

The term “robot” was coined by Capek from robota meaning “forced labor” or “drudgery”. Karel Capek coined the term in his play R.U.R in which the robots at the end destroyed mankind.

Robots today, however, are visualized as machines which we can benefit from a lot. Dudek, a computer science professor, claims that robots will be smaller and more efficient and that they are going through a pretty similar process as that of computers. Computers used to be bulky and slow, but they became smaller and more efficient over time. Robots can do mechanical work and help us with our drudgery now. They will be able to do more for us in the future.

Nowadays, researchers are starting to think of robots as more of a companion than a worker. The Sony Corporation has developed a robotic dog that wags its tail and fetches a ball. Another institute of technology has been working on a mobile robot called Pepe, short for “personal pet.” Robots are also capable of being a friend for us.

Robots will probably never replace humans, but wouldn't it be good to have a companion who does your drudgery for you, talks to you, listens to you, and never talks back?

1. What was a dream twenty years ago?

Having personal computers was a dream twenty years ago that has come true.

2. What did the robots do at the end of Capek's play?

The robots destroyed mankind.

3. Why did the robots destroy mankind in Capek's play?

Because they had learned to both love and hate.

4. What can robots help us with?

They can help us with our unpleasant drudgery.

5. What did Gregory claim about robots?

He claimed that they would be more efficient in the future just the same as computers that improved over time.

6. Can robots just be our workers?

No, researchers now see future robots as much more than just mechanical workers.

7. Can you give an example of a robot that is a companion?

Yes, Sony Corporation has developed a robotic pet which is a dog that fetches a ball and wags its tail.

8. What is an upside of robotic pets compared to real pets?

We don't have to take them to the vet or feed them.

9. Can robots be waiters? How?

Yes, in a restaurant in London only robots were preparing food and serving customers.

10. Could the robots in Sushi restaurant speak?

Yes, they could say funny sentences like, "Life is a never-ending circuit."

11. Can robots replace humans?

Robots will probably never replace humans.

12. What is Pepe short for?

It's short for personal pet.