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Famous scientist says A.I. could destroy us

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THE READING

The famous scientist professor Stephen Hawking has warned that robots with artificial intelligence could one day mean the death of us all. He told the BBC that: "The development of full artificial intelligence (AI) could spell the end of the human race." Hawking suffers from motor neuron disease (also known as ALS) and needs special technology to talk. A new app will predict words he might want to use based on his previous conversations.

Hawking said that AI has helped many people. He said it will become more powerful and could be dangerous. He said: "It would take off on its own". He said humans could never compete with AI. In April 2014, he warned how technology could take over one day. He said it could control our financial markets, invent things human researchers could not invent, be smarter than human leaders, and develop new weapons.

MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	The famous scientist	a.	of us all
2	robots with	b.	he might want to use
3.	the death	c.	of full artificial intelligence
4.	The development	d.	(also known as ALS)
5.	spell the end of the human	e.	conversations
6.	motor neuron disease	f.	artificial intelligence
7.	A new app will predict words	g.	race
8.	based on his previous	h.	professor Stephen Hawking

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	Hawking said that AI has	a.	markets
2	He said it will become	b.	with AI
3.	It would take off	c.	more powerful
4.	humans could never compete	d.	researchers
5.	technology could take	e.	new weapons
6.	control our financial	f.	helped many people
7.	human	g.	on its own
8.	develop	h.	over one day

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

(1) _____ professor Stephen Hawking has warned that robots with artificial intelligence could (2) _____ death of us all. He told the BBC that: "The (3) _____ full artificial intelligence (AI) could spell the end (4) _____." Hawking suffers from (5) _____ (also known as ALS) and needs special technology to talk. A new app will predict words he might want to use based on his (6) _____.

Hawking said that AI has (7) _____. He said it will become more powerful and could be dangerous. He said: "(8) _____ on its own". He said humans (9) _____ with AI. In April 2014, he warned how technology could (10) _____. He said it could control our financial markets, (11) _____ researchers could not invent, (12) _____ human leaders, and develop new weapons.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about artificial intelligence 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) _____

g) _____

h) _____

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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) _____

g) _____

h) _____

FREE WRITING

Write about **artificial intelligence** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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