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New gym opens to train robots

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THE READING

Elon Musk has opened a gym for robots, called OpenAI Gym. Mr Musk founded the companies Tesla Motors and PayPal. OpenAI Gym is free for code writers to test their work on robots and share their algorithms. These are special computer programs that can solve problems and deal with lots of information.

Mr Musk explained why OpenAI Gym is free. He said: "Our goal is to advance digital intelligence in the way that is most likely to benefit humanity as a whole." It is like when a dog gets a treat for learning something new. If an algorithm does well in the gym, it gets a reward. If it fails, it doesn't. Musk wants algorithms to multi-task.

VOCABULARY MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	opened a gym		a.	programs
2.	Mr Musk founded		b.	on robots
3.	OpenAI Gym is free		c.	problems
4.	test their work		d.	their algorithms
5.	share		e.	of information
6.	computer		f.	the companies
7.	solve		g.	for robots
8.	deal with lots		h.	for code writers

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	Mr Musk explained		a.	gets a treat
2.	Our goal is to		b.	whole
3.	most likely to benefit		c.	it gets a reward
4.	as a		d.	humanity
5.	when a dog		e.	why OpenAI Gym is free
6.	learning something		f.	to multi-task
7.	If an algorithm does well in the gym,		g.	new
8.	Musk wants algorithms		h.	advance digital intelligence

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

Elon Musk (1) _____ gym for robots, called OpenAI Gym. Mr Musk (2) _____ Tesla Motors and PayPal. OpenAI Gym (3) _____ writers to (4) _____ on robots and share their algorithms. These are (5) _____ programs that can solve problems and deal with (6) _____.

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

Write about **robots** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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