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U.S. to spend $2 billion on artificial intelligence weapons

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THE READING

The USA will spend $2 billion on artificial intelligence (AI) weapons. This is the most it has ever spent. The Department of Defense wants the most advanced weapons in the world. It wants better weapons than China and Russia. Defense bosses want weapons generals can trust. These weapons must not make mistakes. An official said: "We think it's a good time to seed the field of AI. We think we can accelerate two decades of progress into five years."

The new weapons could make their own decisions, without any humans helping. This could be dangerous and could lead to innocent people being killed. These weapons can choose and attack targets and kill people. They can already use AI to choose targets on their own. Military generals do not want to let the weapons decide on which targets to attack. The generals want to do this.

PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. This is the most	a. accelerate
2. the most advanced weapons	b. better weapons
3. It wants	c. decades
4. weapons generals can	d. in the world
5. These weapons must not make	e. time
6. We think it's a good	f. trust
7. We think we can	g. mistakes
8. two	h. it has ever spent

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. without any humans	a. generals
2. This could be	b. targets to attack
3. lead to innocent people	c. dangerous
4. attack targets and	d. to do this
5. use AI to choose	e. being killed
6. military	f. kill people
7. decide on which	g. targets on their own
8. The generals want	h. helping

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

The USA will spend $2 (1) _____ intelligence (AI) weapons. This is the most it (2) _____. The Department of Defense wants the most advanced weapons in the world. It wants (3) _____ China and Russia. Defense bosses want weapons generals can trust. These weapons must (4) _____. An official said: "We think it's a good time to (5) _____ of AI. We think we can accelerate two decades of progress (6) _____."

The new weapons could (7) _____ decisions, without any humans helping. This (8) _____ and could lead to innocent people being killed. These weapons (9) _____ attack targets and kill people. They can already use AI to choose targets (10) _____. Military generals do not (11) _____ the weapons decide on which targets to attack. The generals (12) _____ this.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WEAPONS SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about weapons 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) _____

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

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