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**Level 4 – 12th August 2024**

## **Scientists fear people will fall in love with AI voices**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240812-emotional-attachment-to-ai-4.html>

OpenAI is worried about people becoming emotionally dependent on artificial intelligence. It has released new lifelike voices that are almost the same as human voices. They can have conversations, laugh, interject with "umms" and "aahs," and they can deal with interruptions. An OpenAI report states: "Users might form social relationships with the AI, reducing their need for human interaction."

The report warns that chatbots could change society. They could even end communication among humans. However, the report highlights some benefits. These include bringing comfort to lonely people, and helping those with no self-confidence. People may gain enough confidence to start dating. Conversely, chatbots could make people ruder and more selfish. A website says chatbots could increase biases and spread disinformation.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2024/08/08/tech/openai-chatgpt-voice-mode-human-attachment/index.html>  
<https://www.popsci.com/technology/openai-jerks/>  
<https://www.wired.com/story/openai-voice-mode-emotional-attachment/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. emotionally                  | a. "umms" and "aahs"     |
| 2. It has released new lifelike | b. same as human voices  |
| 3. almost the                   | c. dependent             |
| 4. They can                     | d. for human interaction |
| 5. interject with               | e. voices                |
| 6. they can deal                | f. relationships         |
| 7. Users might form social      | g. have conversations    |
| 8. reducing their need          | h. with interruptions    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. chatbots could             | a. to start dating  |
| 2. end communication          | b. to lonely people |
| 3. the report highlights      | c. disinformation   |
| 4. bringing comfort           | d. change society   |
| 5. helping those with no      | e. people ruder     |
| 6. gain enough confidence     | f. among humans     |
| 7. chatbots could make        | g. self-confidence  |
| 8. increase biases and spread | h. some benefits    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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OpenAI (1) \_\_\_\_\_ people becoming emotionally dependent on artificial intelligence. It has released (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that are almost the same as human voices. They can have conversations, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ "umms" and "aahs," and they (4) \_\_\_\_\_ interruptions. An OpenAI report states: "Users (5) \_\_\_\_\_ relationships with the AI, reducing their need (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

The report warns that chatbots (7) \_\_\_\_\_. They could even end communication among humans. However, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ some benefits. These include bringing comfort to lonely people, and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ no self-confidence. People may gain enough confidence (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Conversely, chatbots could make people ruder (11) \_\_\_\_\_. A website says chatbots could increase (12) \_\_\_\_\_ disinformation.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# A.I. LOVE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240812-emotional-attachment-to-ai-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about A.I. love 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) \_\_\_\_\_

