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

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# THE READING

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OpenAI is worried that people may become emotionally dependent on artificial intelligence. The company has released a new "advanced voice mode". The chatbot has lifelike voices that are almost the same as human voices. They can have conversations in real time, laugh, interject with "umms," "aahs" and "hmms," and they can adjust to being interrupted. An OpenAI report states that these human-sounding voices may lead people to rely on AI for friendship and love. It said: "Users might form social relationships with the AI, reducing their need for human interaction."

The report warns that future chatbots could change society. They will reshape how we interact with everyone. They could even end communication among humans. The report points to benefits of the chatbot. These include bringing comfort to lonely people, and helping those who lack self-confidence. The report says people may gain enough confidence to start dating. Conversely, chatbots could make people ruder, more impatient and more selfish. Wired.com says the new chatbot could increase societal biases, spread disinformation, and help the development of chemical weapons.

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2024/08/08/tech/openai-chatgpt-voice-mode-human-attachment/index.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. people may become emotionally | a. "umms" and "aahs"     |
| 2. released a new advanced voice | b. sounding voices       |
| 3. The chatbot has lifelike      | c. for human interaction |
| 4. interject with                | d. voices                |
| 5. they can adjust               | e. on AI for friendship  |
| 6. human-                        | f. dependent             |
| 7. people to rely                | g. to being interrupted  |
| 8. reducing their need           | h. mode                  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. future chatbots could   | a. to start dating     |
| 2. reshape how we interact | b. of the chatbot      |
| 3. benefits                | c. to lonely people    |
| 4. bringing comfort        | d. of chemical weapons |
| 5. gain enough confidence  | e. ruder               |
| 6. make people             | f. disinformation      |
| 7. spread                  | g. change society      |
| 8. the development         | h. with everyone       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The report warns that future chatbots (7) \_\_\_\_\_. They will reshape how we interact with everyone. They could even end communication among humans. The report (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the chatbot. These include bringing comfort to lonely people, and helping (9) \_\_\_\_\_ self-confidence. The report says people may (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to start dating. Conversely, chatbots could make people ruder, more impatient (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Wired.com says the new chatbot could increase societal biases, spread disinformation, and help the development (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

