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AI 'architects' are TIME magazine's Person of the Year

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

THE READING

TIME magazine has announced its 2025 Person of the Year. It goes to a group of people: the "architects of AI". The award is given to "the person or persons who most affected the news and our lives, for good or ill, and embodied what was important about the year". Some of the architects appear on TIME's cover. They include the CEOs of the world's top tech companies. TIME said the CEOs brought about "one of the biggest physical infrastructure projects of all time." It described 2025 as the year that AI "roared into view," showing its potential to change the world.

TIME's editor commented on giving the prize to the AI architects. He wrote that it was hard to watch anything without seeing or hearing news about the "rapid advancement of a technology and the people driving it". He said there have been "a million debates about how disruptive AI would be". He added that no business leader, student, or parent "could talk about the future without invoking the impact of this technological revolution". However, he also noted the negatives of AI. These include vast energy requirements, job losses, misinformation, and cyberattacks.

PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. It goes	a. projects
2. the person	b. was important
3. the news and our lives, for	c. to a group of people
4. embodied what	d. to change the world
5. Some of the architects appear	e. good or ill
6. the biggest physical infrastructure	f. into view
7. the year that AI roared	g. or persons
8. showing its potential	h. on TIME's cover

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. TIME's editor commented	a. revolution
2. rapid	b. driving it
3. a technology and the people	c. and cyberattacks
4. debates about how disruptive	d. advancement
5. the impact of this technological	e. the negatives of AI
6. However, he also noted	f. on giving the prize
7. These include vast energy	g. AI would be
8. job losses, misinformation,	h. requirements

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

TIME magazine (1) _____ 2025 Person of the Year. It goes to a group of people: the "architects of AI". The award is given to "the person or persons who (2) _____ news and our lives, for good or ill, and (3) _____ important about the year". Some of the architects appear on TIME's cover. They include the CEOs of the (4) _____ companies. TIME said the CEOs brought about "one of (5) _____ infrastructure projects of all time." It described 2025 as the year that AI "roared into view," (6) _____ to change the world.

TIME's (7) _____ giving the prize to the AI architects. He wrote that it was (8) _____ anything without seeing or hearing news about the "(9) _____ a technology and the people driving it". He said there have been "a million debates (10) _____ AI would be". He added that no business leader, student, or parent "could talk about the future without (11) _____ of this technological revolution". However, he also noted the negatives of AI. These (12) _____ requirements, job losses, misinformation, and cyberattacks.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

TIMEmagazinehasannouncedits2025PersonoftheYear.Itgoestoagroupofpeople:the"architectsofAI".Theawardisgivento"thepersonorpersonswhomostaffectedthenewsandourlives,forgoodorill,andembodiedwhatwasimportantabouttheyear".Someofthearchitectsappearon TIME'scover.TheyincludetheCEOsoftheworld'stoptechcompanies.TIMEsaidtheCEOsbroughtabout"oneofthebiggestphysicalinfrastructureprojectsofalltime."Itdescribed2025astheyearthatAI"roaredintoview,"showingitspotentialtochangetheworld.TIME'seditorcommentedongivingtheprizetotheAIarchitects.Hewrotethatitwashardtowatchanythingwithoutseeingorhearingnewsaboutthe"rapidadvancementofatechnologyandthepeopledrivingit".Hesaidtherehavebeen"amilliondebatesabouthowdisruptiveAIwouldbe".Headdedthatnobusinessleader,student,orparent"couldtalkaboutthefuturewithoutinvokingtheimpactofthistechnologicalrevolution".However,healsonotedthenegativesofAI.Theseincludevastenergyrequirements,joblosses,misinformation,andcyberattacks.

A.I. SURVEY

From   https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251215-architects-of-ai-4.html

Write five GOOD questions about A.I. 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 **A.I.** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.