



At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:

* talk about the possibility of robots substituting man by 2029; answer relevant questions.



Read the passage

Leading US scientist has **predicted** that computers will be as intelligent as humans by 2029. **Futurologist** Dr Ray Kurzweil told the American Association for the Advancement of Science that in the near future, machine intelligence will overtake the power of the human brain. He said that within two **decades**, computers will be able to think quicker than humans. Dr Kurzweil painted a picture of us having tiny robots called **nanobots** implanted in our brain to **boost** our intelligence and health. He told reporters that these **microscopic** nanobots would work with our brains to make us think faster and give us more powerful memories. Kurzweil explained that we are already “a human machine **civilization**” and that the upcoming technology will be a further extension of that.



Let's Talk

1. What is the prediction of the US scientist?
2. What was Dr Kurzweil claim and have you seen a possibility of his claim?
3. As a reader, are you threatened or excited of what you've read? Why?
4. What comes to your mind as you were reading the headline?
5. Do you think robots are smarter than men? Or do they have limitations for they are just created by humans with limitations as well? Justify your answer.
6. Would you like to have nanobots implanted in your brain that would boost your intelligence and memory? Why / why not?
7. What are the good and the bad effects of robotics to you?