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Robots in Society

Robots are already being used in many ways. Most people agree that robots are useful in completing tasks that are repetitive or dangerous. However, many people think robots have a negative effect on our way of life because they take jobs away from people. The table below shows various uses for robots. Decide which uses you think are advantages to society and which uses you think are disadvantages. There may be some uses in which you think a robot is both an advantage and a disadvantage.

Uses of Robots	Advantage to Society	Disadvantage to Society
Cleaning		
Inspecting bridges, nuclear sites, and power plants		
Demolishing buildings		
Maintaining or monitoring hazardous materials		
Inspecting underwater sites		
Assisting or performing surgeries		
Assisting disabled or elderly persons		
Delivering mail		
Providing security		
Milking cows		
Harvesting crops		
Exploring space		
Entertaining people		
Finding land mines		
Exploring volcanoes		
Mowing lawns		

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After you have completed the table on the previous page, answer the following questions.

1. Of the robot uses you classified as advantages, choose three and explain why you think these uses are helpful to people and improve their lives.

2. Of the robot uses you classified as disadvantages, choose three and explain why you think these uses have a negative effect on individuals or on society as a whole.

3. Of the uses you classified as both advantages and disadvantages, choose one and explain why you think this use is helpful to people and why you think it has a negative effect on people.

4. Think of one way a robot might improve your life. What job would you have this robot do?

5. Do you think robots can do any jobs better than you? What are they? Explain.

6. What jobs can you do better than robots? Explain.
