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Hollywood actor says OpenAI Sora could cause job losses

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

THE READING

     Actor Tyler Perry is worried that AI will cause job losses in Hollywood. As an example, he said he had plans to spend $800 million on making his studio bigger. He has delayed this. Instead, he will wait to see what impact AI has on jobs. He told "The Hollywood Reporter" website about his worries. He said: "There's got to be some sort of [rules] in order to protect us [from AI]. If not, I just don't see how we survive." He said OpenAI's new text-to-video tool, Sora, made him delay his project. He said it was, "on hold because of Sora and what I'm seeing."

     Sora can generate videos up to a minute long. The user types a prompt, and the software creates a video. It can also make a video from a photo. Sora is a Japanese word, meaning "sky". The New York Times said the name shows Sora's "limitless creative potential". Tyler Perry knows AI will be useful in film-making. However, he said: "It makes me worry so much about all of the people in the…industry who would be affected by this, including actors…and editors." He added: "I'm thinking this will touch every corner of our industry."

Sources: https://www.**hollywoodreporter.com**/business/business-news/tyler-perry-ai-alarm-1235833276/
https://**openai.com**/sora
https://en.**wikipedia.org**/wiki/Sora_(text-to-video_model)

PHRASE MATCHING

From

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	cause job losses	a.	$800 million
2.	As an	b.	plans
3.	he said he had	c.	survive
4.	spend	d.	bigger
5.	making his studio	e.	tool
6.	in order to protect us	f.	in Hollywood
7.	I just don't see how we	g.	from AI
8.	OpenAI's new text-to-video	h.	example

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	generate videos up to	a.	video from a photo
2.	The user types a	b.	corner of our industry
3.	the software creates	c.	prompt
4.	It can also make a	d.	so much
5.	limitless creative	e.	in the industry
6.	It makes me worry	f.	a minute long
7.	all of the people	g.	potential
8.	touch every	h.	a video

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

Actor Tyler Perry (1) _____ AI will cause job losses in Hollywood. As an example, he said he had (2) _____ $800 million on making his studio bigger. He has delayed this. Instead, he will wait to (3) _____ AI has on jobs. He told "The Hollywood Reporter" website about his worries. He said: "There's got to be some sort (4) _____ order to protect us [from AI]. If not, I just don't see how we survive." He said OpenAI's new text-to-video tool, Sora, made him (5) _____. He said it was, "on hold because of Sora and (6) _____."

Sora (7) _____ up to a minute long. The user types a prompt, and the (8) _____ video. It can also make a video from a photo. Sora is a Japanese word, meaning "sky". The New York Times said (9) _____ Sora's "limitless creative potential". Tyler Perry knows AI will be useful in film-making. However, he said: "It (10) _____ so much about all of the people in the…industry who would be affected by this, including (11) _____." He added: "I'm thinking this will (12) _____ of our industry."

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TEXT-TO-VIDEO SOFTWARE SURVEY

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2403/240307-sora-text-to-video-2.html

Write five GOOD questions about text-to-video software 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 **text-to-video software** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.