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Scientists fear people will fall in love with AI voices

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. A.I. LOVE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about A.I. love. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

emotionally dependent / artificial intelligence / voices / chatbots / conversation / love change societies / colleagues / friendship / dating / disinformation / chemical weapons

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. HEALTH WARNING: Students A **strongly** believe AI chatbots should have mental-health warnings on them; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. HUMAN INTERACTION: How do we interact differently with these people (things)? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Formality	**Information**	**Trust**
An AI Chatbot			
A parent			
A teacher			
Best friend			
A sales assistance			
A doctor			

5. CHATBOT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "chatbot". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. BENEFITS OF A.I.: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest benefits at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Companionship
- Reduced human error
- Decision making
- Essay writing

- Customer service
- Medical diagnoses
- Education
- Information

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	dependent	a.	A group of things arranged in a certain order.
2.	mode	b.	Needing (too much) help from someone or something to do something.
3.	array	c.	Real, not fake.
4.	authentic	d.	So similar that you can't tell them apart.
5.	indistinguishable	e.	An option allowing a change in the method of operation of a device.
6.	interject	f.	The feeling of being with someone, not alone.
7.	companionship	g.	To say something suddenly while someone else is speaking.

Paragraph 2

8.	fundamentally	h.	To take someone else's or something else's place or power (without permission).
9.	usurp	i.	To make something louder or stronger.
10.	lack	j.	In a basic or important way.
11.	the flip side	k.	When you don't have enough of something.
12.	amplify	l.	A preference for one thing over another, sometimes unfairly.
13.	bias	m.	The other side, argument or part of something
14.	biological	n.	Related to living things or life.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240812-emotional-attachment-to-ai.html

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1.   ChatGTP owns the tech company OpenAI.   **T / F**
2.   We can't tell the difference between ChatGPT voices and human voices.   **T / F**
3.   The new chatbot uses natural fillers like "umm" and "aah".   **T / F**
4.   A report suggested people may fall in love with chatbot voices.   **T / F**
5.   The report said AI could greatly change society.   **T / F**
6.   The chatbot could help shy people start dating.   **T / F**
7.   The article says chatbots will help people become better mannered.   **T / F**
8.   AI could be used to create biological weapons.   **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1.	**dependent**	a.	contact
2.	**mode**	b.	line-up
3.	**array**	c.	intensify
4.	**authentic**	d.	structurally
5.	**interaction**	e.	genuine
6.	**fundamentally**	f.	reliant
7.	**usurp**	g.	increase in
8.	**gain**	h.	prejudices
9.	**amplify**	i.	function
10.	**biases**	j.	remove

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1.	people may become emotionally	a.	on AI for companionship
2.	interject with "	b.	side
3.	they can adjust to being	c.	dependent
4.	lead people to rely	d.	biases
5.	reducing their need for human	e.	interrupted
6.	They may even usurp communication	f.	"umms," "aahs" and "hmms"
7.	those who lack	g.	disinformation
8.	On the flip	h.	interaction
9.	the potential to amplify societal	i.	self-confidence
10.	spread	j.	among humans

GAP FILL

OpenAI, the company that owns ChatGPT, is worried that people may become emotionally (1) _____ on artificial intelligence voices. The company released a new "advanced voice (2) _____" to users last week. The chatbot comes equipped with an array of lifelike (3) _____ that are almost indistinguishable from human voices. They can have an (4) _____ conversation in real time, laugh at the right time, (5) _____ with "umms," "aahs" and "hmms," and they can adjust to being interrupted. An OpenAI report states that the newly-released, human-sounding voices may lead people to (6) _____ on AI for companionship, and even for romance and love. It (7) _____: "Users might form social relationships with the AI, (8) _____ their need for human interaction."

voices

authentic

reducing

dependent

cautioned

mode

rely

interject

The OpenAI report warns that future (9) _____ could fundamentally change societies. They will reshape how we interact with family, friends and (10) _____. They may even usurp communication among humans. The report points to (11) _____ of the new tool. These include bringing comfort and friendship to lonely people, and giving confidence to those who (12) _____ self-confidence. The report says people may gain enough confidence to start dating in the real world. On the (13) _____ side, chatbots could cause people to be ruder, more (14) _____ and more selfish. Wired.com writes that the new chatbot includes "the potential…to amplify societal (15) _____, spread disinformation, and aid in the development of chemical or biological (16) _____".

flip

chatbots

weapons

impatient

biases

benefits

lack

colleagues

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1) ChatGPT is worried that people may _____
   a. become emotionally dependence
   b. become emotionally depending
   c. become emotionally dependent
   d. become emotionally depend ant

2) an array of lifelike voices that are almost indistinguishable _____
   a. from human voices
   b. from humane voices
   c. from humanly voices
   d. from hue man voices

3) have an authentic conversation in real time, laugh at the right time, _____
   a. interject with "umms"
   b. inter-jest with "umms"
   c. inject with "umms"
   d. interact with "umms"

4) the newly-released, human-sounding voices may lead people to _____
   a. relied on AI
   b. relay on AI
   c. really on AI
   d. rely on AI

5) form social relationships with the AI, reducing their need _____
   a. for human interactive
   b. for human into action
   c. for human in traction
   d. for human interaction

6) The OpenAI report warns that future chatbots could _____
   a. fundamentally charge societies
   b. fundamentally changed societies
   c. fundamentally change societies
   d. fundamentally exchange societies

7) friendship to lonely people, and giving confidence to those who _____
   a. lack self-confident
   b. lack self-confidence
   c. lack serf-confidence
   d. luck serf-confidence

8) On the flip side, chatbots could cause people _____
   a. to be rudder
   b. to brooder
   c. to be ruder
   d. to broader

9) Wired.com writes that the new chatbot includes "the potential…to _____
   a. amplify societal bison
   b. amplify societal bias is
   c. amplify societal bases
   d. amplify societal biases

10) and aid in the development of chemical _____
   a. or biologically weapons
   b. or biology weapons
   c. or biological weapons
   d. orb illogical weapons

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What might people become emotionally dependent on?

2. What is the new chatbot almost indistinguishable from?

3. What does the new chatbot interject conversation with?

4. What can the new AI chatbot adjust to?

5. What might AI reduce the need for?

6. What could future chatbots could fundamentally change?

7. What might happen to communication among humans?

8. What might people who lack confidence start doing?

9. What might the chatbot amplify?

10. What might the chatbot spread?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) What might people become emotionally dependent on?
a) family
b) each other
c) artificial intelligence voices
d) themselves

2) What is the new chatbot almost indistinguishable from?
a) human voices
b) the old one
c) supercomputers
d) the language Esperanto

3) What does the new chatbot interject conversation with?
a) erms, aahs and hmms
b) umms, aahs and hmms
c) umms, aahs and hymns
d) umms, aargghs and hmms

4) What can the new AI chatbot adjust to?
a) changes in mood
b) different time zones
c) temperature differences
d) being interrupted

5) What might AI reduce the need for?
a) electricity
b) English lessons
c) human interaction
d) books

6) What could future chatbots could fundamentally change?
a) computing
b) societies
c) language
d) English

7) What might happen to communication among humans?
a) It might be body language only.
b) It might degenerate.
c) It might become more sophisticated
d) It might be usurped.

8) What might people who lack confidence start doing?
a) public speaking
b) dating
c) debating
d) getting angry

9) What might the chatbot amplify?
a) speakers
b) societal biases
c) voices
d) white noise

10) What might the chatbot spread?
a) disinformation
b) lies
c) propaganda
d) fake news

ROLE PLAY

Role A – Companionship

You think companionship is the biggest benefit of A.I. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their benefit isn't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least beneficial of these (and why): decision-making, customer service or medical diagnoses.

Role B – Decision-making

You think decision-making is the biggest benefit of A.I. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their benefit isn't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least beneficial of these (and why): companionship, customer service or medical diagnoses.

Role C – Customer Service

You think customer service is the biggest benefit of A.I. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their benefit isn't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least beneficial of these (and why): decision-making, companionship or medical diagnoses.

Role D – Medical Diagnoses

You think medical diagnoses is the biggest benefit of A.I. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their benefit isn't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least beneficial of these (and why): decision-making, customer service or companionship.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for… the words 'AI' and 'love'.

AI	love

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning…?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• dependent	• change
• users	• even
• array	• lack
• rely	• gain
• lead	• flip
• form	• aid

A.I. LOVE SURVEY

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.

A.I. LOVE DISCUSSION

<u>STUDENT A's QUESTIONS</u> (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?

2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'AI'?

3. What do you think of artificial intelligence?

4. What do you know about ChatGPT?

5. What do you think of chatting with a computer?

6. When might chatting with AI be better than talking to a human?

7. Can AI lead to companionship and friendship?

8. What would you talk to a computer about?

9. What problems might reduced human interaction lead to?

10. What will AI be like in 20 years from now?

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A.I. LOVE DISCUSSION

<u>STUDENT B's QUESTIONS</u> (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?

12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'love'?

13. What do you think about what you read?

14. How worried are you that AI will change society?

15. Will we one day talk to computers more than to humans?

16. How might AI change dating and love?

17. How possible is it to fall in love with an AI voice?

18. How might AI chatbots 'amplify societal biases'?

19. How might AI chatbots aid in the development of weapons?

20. What questions would you like to ask OpenAI?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

1.	(a)	emotion	(b)	emotionally	(c)	emotional	(d)	emotive
2.	(a)	abode	(b)	mode	(c)	lode	(d)	ode
3.	(a)	at	(b)	for	(c)	of	(d)	from
4.	(a)	at	(b)	in	(c)	of	(d)	by
5.	(a)	relay	(b)	rely	(c)	really	(d)	rally
6.	(a)	reduction	(b)	redaction	(c)	reducing	(d)	reduce
7.	(a)	social	(b)	societal	(c)	societies	(d)	socialism
8.	(a)	slurp	(b)	splurge	(c)	usurp	(d)	usuary
9.	(a)	they	(b)	these	(c)	them	(d)	those
10.	(a)	flip	(b)	flap	(c)	flop	(d)	fop
11.	(a)	selfish	(b)	selfless	(c)	shellfish	(d)	selfishly
12.	(a)	of	(b)	at	(c)	in	(d)	by

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. people may become emotionally <u>enpedtdne</u>

2. an <u>aryar</u> of lifelike voices

3. <u>iblnguhtndiseiisa</u> from human voices

4. <u>ihttceaun</u> conversation

5. <u>ctjietrne</u> with "umms," "aahs" and "hmms"

6. rely on AI for <u>impnhnipaoocs</u>

Paragraph 2

7. <u>nftlyaeuamnld</u> change societies

8. family, friends and <u>cgellosaeu</u>

9. They may even <u>rupus</u> communication

10. more <u>ipaitenmt</u>

11. the potential to amplify societal <u>bsieas</u>

12. chemical or <u>oglbcolaii</u> weapons

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

( )   those who lack self-confidence. The report says people may gain enough confidence to start dating in the real

( )   dependent on artificial intelligence voices. The company released a new "advanced voice mode" to

( )   disinformation, and aid in the development of chemical or biological weapons".

( )   released, human-sounding voices may lead people to rely on AI for companionship, and even for romance

( )   to benefits of the new tool. These include bringing comfort and friendship to lonely people, and giving confidence to

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( )   users last week. The chatbot comes equipped with an array of lifelike voices that are almost indistinguishable

( )   interact with family, friends and colleagues. They may even usurp communication among humans. The report points

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( )   writes that the new chatbot includes "the potential…to amplify societal biases, spread

( )   world. On the flip side, chatbots could cause people to be ruder, more impatient and more selfish. Wired.com

( )   from human voices. They can have an authentic conversation in real time, laugh at the right time, interject with

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1. become people worried emotionally may It's dependent . that

2. company The advanced released voice mode . new a

3. lifelike equipped with array an It's of voices .

4. companionship . Lead rely AI people for on to

5. with form social relationships might Users the AI .

6. family . They interact we how reshape will with

7. communication may even They usurp among humans .

8. who to lack Giving confidence those self-confidence .

9. could be to The cause chatbots people ruder .

10. amplify biases . potential to societal include Chatbots the

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

OpenAI, the company that owns ChatGPT, is worried that people may become emotionally *dependant / dependent* on artificial intelligence voices. The company released *anew / a new* "advanced voice mode" to users last week. The chatbot comes *equipping / equipped* with an *array / allay* of lifelike voices that are almost *distinguishable / indistinguishable* from human voices. They can have an authentic conversation in *real / really* time, laugh at the right time, *interject / interact* with "umms," "aahs" and "hmms," and they can adjust to being interrupted. An OpenAI report states that the newly-released, human-sounding voices may lead people to *relay / rely* on AI for companionship, and *ever / even* for romance and love. It cautioned: "Users might form social relationships with the AI, reducing their need for human *interaction / interjection*."

The OpenAI report warns *what / that* future chatbots could fundamentally change societies. They will reshape how we interact *with / at* family, friends and colleagues. They may even *slurp / usurp* communication among humans. The report points to *beneficial / benefits* of the new tool. These include bringing comfort and friendship to *lonely / lovely* people, and giving confidence to those who lack self-confidence. The report says people may gain enough confidence to start *date / dating* in the real world. On the *flip / flap* side, chatbots could cause people to be ruder, more impatient and more *selfish / selfless*. Wired.com writes that the new chatbot includes "the potential...*for / to* amplify societal biases, spread disinformation, and aid *in / at* the development of chemical or biological weapons".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

_p_n__, th_ c_mp_ny th_t _wns Ch_tGPT, _s w_rr__d th_t p__pl_ m_y b_c_m_ _m_t__n_lly d_p_nd_nt _n _rt_f_c__l _nt_ll_g_nc_ v__c_s. Th_ c_mp_ny r_l__s_d _ n_w "_dv_nc_d v__c_ m_d_" t_ _s_rs l_st w__k. Th_ ch_tb_t c_m_s _q__pp_d w_th _n _rr_y _f l_f_l_k_ v__c_s th_t _r_ _lm_st _nd_st_ng__sh_bl_ fr_m h_m_n v__c_s. Th_y c_n h_v_ _n __th_nt_c c_nv_rs_t__n _n r__l t_m_, l__gh _t th_ r_ght t_m_, _nt_rj_ct w_th "_mms," "__hs" _nd "hmms," _nd th_y c_n _dj_st t_ b__ng _nt_rr_pt_d. _n _p_n__ r_p_rt st_t_s th_t th_ n_wly-r_l__s_d, h_m_n-s__nd_ng v__c_s m_y l__d p__pl_ t_ r_ly _n __ f_r c_mp_n__nsh_p, _nd _v_n f_r r_m_nc_ _nd l_v_. _t c__t__n_d: "_s_rs m_ght f_rm s_c__l r_l_t__nsh_ps w_th th_ __, r_d_c_ng th__r n__d f_r h_m_n _nt_r_ct__n."

Th_ _p_n__ r_p_rt w_rns th_t f_t_r_ ch_tb_ts c__ld f_nd_m_nt_lly ch_ng_ s_c__t__s. Th_y w_ll r_sh_p_ h_w w_ _nt_r_ct w_th f_m_ly, fr__nds _nd c_ll__g__s. Th_y m_y _v_n _s_rp c_mm_n_c_t__n _m_ng h_m_ns. Th_ r_p_rt p__nts t_ b_n_f_ts _f th_ n_w t__l. Th_s_ _ncl_d_ br_ng_ng c_mf_rt _nd fr__ndsh_p t_ l_n_ly p__pl_, _nd g_v_ng c_nf_d_nc_ t_ th_s_ wh_ l_ck s_lf-c_nf_d_nc_. Th_ r_p_rt s_ys p__pl_ m_y g__n _n__gh c_nf_d_nc_ t_ st_rt d_t_ng _n th_ r__l w_rld. _n th_ fl_p s_d_, ch_tb_ts c__ld c__s_ p__pl_ t_ b_ r_d_r, m_r_ _mp_t__nt _nd m_r_ s_lf_sh. W_r_d.c_m wr_t_s th_t th_ n_w ch_tb_t _ncl_d_s "th_ p_t_nt__l…t_ _mpl_fy s_c__t_l b__s_s, spr__d d_s_nf_rm_t__n, _nd __d _n th_ d_v_l_pm_nt _f ch_m_c_l _r b__l_g_c_l w__p_ns".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

OpenAI,thecompanythatownsChatGPT,isworriedthatpeoplemaybecomeemotionallydependentonartificialintelligencevoices.Thecompanyreleasedanew"advancedvoicemode"touserslastweek.Thechatbotcomesequippedwithanarrayoflifelikevoicesthatarealmostindistinguishablefromhumanvoices.Theycanhaveanauthenticconversationinrealtime,laughattherighttime,interjectwith"umms,""aahs"and"hmms,"andtheycanadjusttobeinginterrupted.AnOpenAIreportstatesthatthenewly-released,human-soundingvoicesmayleadpeopletorelyonAIforcompanionship,andevenforromanceandlove.Itcautioned:"UsersmightformsocialrelationshipswiththeAI,reducingtheirneedforhumaninteraction."TheOpenAIreportwarnsthatfuturechatbotscouldfundamentallychangesocieties.Theywillreshapehowweinteractwithfamily,friendsandcolleagues.Theymayevenusurpcommunicationamonghumans.Thereportpointstobenefitsofthenewtool.Theseincludebringingcomfortandfriendshiptolonelypeople,andgivingconfidencetothosewholackself-confidence.Thereportsayspeoplemaygainenoughconfidencetostartdatingintherealworld.Ontheflipside,chatbotscouldcausepeopletoberuder,moreimpatientandmoreselfish.Wired.comwritesthatthenewchatbotincludes"thepotential…toamplifysocietalbiases,spreaddisinformation,andaidinthedevelopmentofchemicalorbiologicalweapons".

FREE WRITING

Write about **A.I. love** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

Falling in love with an AI chatbot is OK. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. A.I.: Make a poster about A.I. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HEALTH WARNING: Write a magazine article about putting mental health warnings on chatbots. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on A.I. love. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on A.I. love. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1.	b	2.	e	3.	a	4.	c	5.	d	6.	g	7.	f
8.	j	9.	h	10.	k	11.	m	12.	i	13.	l	14.	n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1 F   2 F   3 T   4 T   5 T   6 T   7 F   8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. b	4. e	5. a
6. d	7. j	8. g	9. c	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Artificial intelligence voices
2. Human voices
3. Umms, aahs and hmms
4. Being interrupted
5. Human interaction
6. Societies
7. It might be usurped
8. Dating
9. Societal biases
10. Disinformation

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. It's worried that people may become emotionally dependent.
2. The company released a new advanced voice mode.
3. It's equipped with an array of lifelike voices.
4. Lead people to rely on AI for companionship.
5. Users might form social relationships with the AI.
6. They will reshape how we interact with family.
7. They may even usurp communication among humans.
8. Giving confidence to those who lack self-confidence.
9. The chatbots could cause people to be ruder.
10. Chatbots include the potential to amplify societal biases.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c   2. a   3. b   4. d   5. c   6. b   7. d   8. b   9. b   10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)