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'Robocop' – first robot police officer starts work

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

The world's first robot police officer has started working. Its name is 'RoboCop' and it went into service for the Dubai Police earlier this week. Robocop's first official duty was to greet guests at the opening of a security conference in Dubai. Apart from greeting visitors, its job was to answer questions and give directions. RoboCop has a built-in tablet for people to interact with. People can use the tablet to pay traffic fines and use other smart police services. The tablet is linked to a police station, so people can talk to human police officers. In addition, RoboCop can speak six languages, including English and Arabic. The 170-centimetre-tall robot can also shake hands, salute people and recognize people's emotions and facial expressions.

Dubai Police says RoboCop is the first of many robot police officers for the city. A spokesman said that by 2030, 25 per cent of the Dubai Police force will be robots. He said: "We are looking to make everything smart in Dubai Police. By 2030, we will have the first smart police station which won't require human employees." He added: "The RoboCop is the latest smart addition to the police force and has been designed to help us fight crime, keep the city safe and improve happiness levels." He said RoboCop will, "assist and help people in the malls or on the streets". An official at the security conference commented that the future is here now, saying: "The age of the robots is no longer coming. It has arrived."

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WARM-UPS

1. ROBOT POLICE OFFICERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about robot police officers. 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?

robot / police officer / official duty / security conference / greeting visitors / traffic fines
smart / human / employees / force / fight crime / improve happiness / help / future

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

3. ROBOTS & HUMANS: Students A **strongly** believe robots police will be better than human police; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ROBOT JOBS: What would they be like in these jobs? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good things	Bad things
Police officer		
Teacher		
Doctor		
Country's leader		
Soldier		
Chef		

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

6. ROBOTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about robots at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- they work 24 hours a day
- they don't say no
- they don't make mistakes
- cheaper than humans
- they are helpful
- humans can rest
- our lives are better
- they are cool

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

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

- a. The world's first robot police officer, RoboCop, started work in Dubai. **T / F**
- b. RoboCop's first duty was to be greeted by guests at a conference. **T / F**
- c. RoboCop had to ask questions and ask for directions. **T / F**
- d. RoboCop can speak more than six languages. **T / F**
- e. By 2030, half of Dubai's police force will be robots. **T / F**
- f. Dubai will have the world's first smart police station by 2030. **T / F**
- g. Robot police officers will help improve people's happiness. **T / F**
- h. A security conference official said the age of the robots has arrived. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. started | a. welcoming |
| 2. task | b. feelings |
| 3. greeting | c. Internet-connected |
| 4. linked | d. job |
| 5. emotions | e. created |
| 6. smart | f. began / begun |
| 7. require | g. era |
| 8. designed | h. remarked |
| 9. commented | i. connected |
| 10. age | j. need |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. The world's first robot police officer has | a. guests |
| 2. it went into | b. crime |
| 3. greet | c. expressions |
| 4. pay traffic | d. many robot police officers |
| 5. recognize people's emotions and facial | e. people |
| 6. the first of | f. started working |
| 7. we will have the first smart | g. longer coming |
| 8. designed to help us fight | h. police station |
| 9. assist and help | i. service for the Dubai Police |
| 10. The age of the robots is no | j. fines |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

The world's first robot police officer has started working. Its name is 'RoboCop' and it went into (1) _____ for the Dubai Police earlier this week. Robocop's first official (2) _____ was to greet guests at the opening of a security conference in Dubai. Apart from greeting visitors, its job was to answer questions and give (3) _____. RoboCop has a built-in (4) _____ for people to interact with. People can use the tablet to pay traffic fines and use other (5) _____ police services. The tablet is linked to a police station, so people can talk to (6) _____ police officers. In addition, RoboCop can speak six languages, (7) _____ English and Arabic. The 170-centimetre-tall robot can also shake hands, salute people and recognize people's emotions and (8) _____ expressions.

smart
service
facial
directions
including
duty
human
tablet

Dubai Police says RoboCop is the first of many robot police officers for the city. A (9) _____ said that by 2030, 25 per cent of the Dubai Police force will be robots. He said: "We are (10) _____ to make everything smart in Dubai Police. By 2030, we will have the first smart police station which won't (11) _____ human employees." He added: "The RoboCop is the latest smart (12) _____ to the police force and has been designed to help us fight (13) _____, keep the city safe and improve (14) _____ levels." He said RoboCop will, "assist and help people in the malls or on the streets". An (15) _____ at the security conference commented that the future is here now, saying: "The (16) _____ of the robots is no longer coming. It has arrived."

looking
official
addition
age
spokesman
happiness
require
crime

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

- 1) The world's first robot police officer has _____
 - a. started working
 - b. start it working
 - c. started work in
 - d. start it work in
- 2) Robocop's first official duty was to _____
 - a. greets guests
 - b. greet guest
 - c. greet guests
 - d. greets guest
- 3) its job was to answer questions and _____
 - a. give it directions
 - b. give in directions
 - c. giving directions
 - d. give directions
- 4) People can use the tablet to pay _____
 - a. traffic finds
 - b. traffic fines
 - c. traffic vines
 - d. traffic fine
- 5) shake hands, salute people and recognize people's emotions and _____
 - a. facially expressions
 - b. facial expression
 - c. facial expressions
 - d. face all expressions
- 6) A spokesman said that by 2030, 25 per cent of the Dubai Police _____ robots
 - a. force will be
 - b. forces will be
 - c. forced will be
 - d. forces will be
- 7) we will have the first smart police station which won't _____ employees
 - a. require human
 - b. requires human
 - c. required human
 - d. requiring human
- 8) smart addition to the police force and has been designed to _____
 - a. help us fight crime
 - b. helps us fight crime
 - c. help us fight grime
 - d. helps us fight grime
- 9) keep the city safe and improve _____
 - a. happiness revel
 - b. happiness levels
 - c. happy nest level
 - d. happy nest revels
- 10) The age of the robots is no longer coming. It _____
 - a. had arrived
 - b. has a raved
 - c. has a rivet
 - d. has arrived

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

The world's first robot police officer (1) _____ working. Its name is 'RoboCop' and it (2) _____ for the Dubai Police earlier this week. Robocop's first official duty was to greet guests at the (3) _____ security conference in Dubai. Apart from greeting visitors, its job was to answer questions and give directions. RoboCop has a built-in tablet for people (4) _____. People can use the tablet to pay traffic fines and use other smart police services. The tablet is linked to a police station, so people (5) _____ human police officers. In addition, RoboCop can speak six languages, including English and Arabic. The 170-centimetre-tall robot (6) _____ hands, salute people and recognize people's emotions and facial expressions.

Dubai Police says RoboCop is (7) _____ many robot police officers for the city. A spokesman said that by 2030, 25 per cent of the Dubai Police (8) _____ robots. He said: "We are looking to make everything smart in Dubai Police. By 2030, we will have the first smart police station which won't require (9) _____." He added: "The RoboCop is the latest smart addition to the police force and has been designed (10) _____ fight crime, keep the city safe and improve happiness levels." He said RoboCop will, "assist and help people in the (11) _____ streets". An official at the security conference commented that the future is here now, saying: "(12) _____ robots is no longer coming. It has arrived."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

1. What is the name of the robot police officer in Dubai?
2. What was the robot's first official duty?
3. What will the robot also give to people who ask?
4. What can people pay using a tablet on the robot?
5. How many languages can the robot speak?
6. What percentage of the Dubai Police force will be robots by 2030?
7. What kind of police station in Dubai will be the world's first?
8. What will the police station not need?
9. What will the robot police officers help to improve?
10. What did an official at a security conference say has arrived?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

- 1) What is the name of the robot police officer in Dubai?
 - a) RoboCop
 - b) Robbie
 - c) CopRobo
 - d) Robbo
- 2) What was the robot's first official duty?
 - a) to help security
 - b) to arrest criminals
 - c) to greet visitors
 - d) to smile at officials
- 3) What will the robot also give to people who ask?
 - a) a smile
 - b) directions
 - c) candy
 - d) advice
- 4) What can people pay using a tablet on the robot?
 - a) attention
 - b) credit card bills
 - c) water pills
 - d) traffic fines
- 5) How many languages can the robot speak?
 - a) 6
 - b) 7
 - c) 8
 - d) 9
- 6) What percentage of the Dubai Police force will be robots by 2030?
 - a) 30%
 - b) 23%
 - c) 27%
 - d) 25%
- 7) What kind of police station in Dubai will be the world's first?
 - a) a gold police station
 - b) a smart police station
 - c) a green police station
 - d) a floating police station
- 8) What will the police station not need?
 - a) criminals
 - b) electricity
 - c) computers
 - d) human employees
- 9) What will the robot police officers help to improve?
 - a) police training
 - b) robot science
 - c) happiness levels
 - d) robot life
- 10) What did an official at a security conference say has arrived?
 - a) the pizza delivery
 - b) the age of the robots
 - c) the VIPs
 - d) the mail

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – They Work 24 Hours a Day

You think they work 24 hours a day is the best thing about robots. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): they don't make mistakes, humans can rest or they are cool.

Role B – They Don't Make Mistakes

You think they don't make mistakes is the best thing about robots. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): they work 24 hours a day, humans can rest or they are cool.

Role C – Humans Can Rest

You think humans can rest is the best thing about robots. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): they don't make mistakes, they work 24 hours a day or they are cool.

Role D – They Are Cool

You think they are cool is the best thing about robots. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): they don't make mistakes, humans can rest or they work 24 hours a day.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'robot' and 'police'.

robot	police
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- 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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• started• duty• apart• pay• In addition• hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• many• looking• human• levels• streets• age
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ROBOT POLICE OFFICERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about robot police officers 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.

ROBOT POLICE OFFICERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (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 'robot'?
3. How do you feel about robots?
4. What do you think of giving guns to robots?
5. In what ways would robots be better police officers than humans?
6. What would happen if robots took over the world?
7. Why are most robots in robot movies scary or bad?
8. How would you feel about having a robot to do your housework?
9. Do robots take away people's jobs or create more jobs?
10. What role do robots play in your country?

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ROBOT POLICE OFFICERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (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 'police officer'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How useful does the RoboCop in Dubai sound?
15. What do you think of a police station staffed by only robots?
16. How can robots increase happiness levels?
17. Which jobs do you think robots should never be allowed to do?
18. Will robots ever think and feel just like humans?
19. What will robots be doing in our lives in 50 years from now?
20. What questions would you like to ask a robot expert?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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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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Dubai Police says RoboCop is the first (7) _____ many robot police officers for the city. A spokesman said that by 2030, 25 per cent of the Dubai Police force will be robots. He said: "We are (8) _____ to make everything smart in Dubai Police. By 2030, we will have the first smart police station which won't (9) _____ human employees." He added: "The RoboCop is the latest smart addition to the police force and has been designed to help us (10) _____ crime, keep the city safe and improve happiness levels." He said RoboCop will, "(11) _____ and help people in the malls or on the streets". An official at the security conference commented that the future is here now, saying: "The (12) _____ of the robots is no longer coming. It has arrived."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) gone | (b) worked | (c) went | (d) did |
| 2. | (a) greet | (b) great | (c) grade | (d) greed |
| 3. | (a) was | (b) had | (c) told | (d) it |
| 4. | (a) fines | (b) penalty | (c) license | (d) jams |
| 5. | (a) inclusion | (b) includes | (c) inclusive | (d) including |
| 6. | (a) shaken | (b) shaking | (c) shook | (d) shake |
| 7. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) for | (d) as |
| 8. | (a) scanning | (b) observing | (c) seeing | (d) looking |
| 9. | (a) require | (b) requite | (c) requisite | (d) request |
| 10. | (a) victor | (b) fight | (c) brawl | (d) war |
| 11. | (a) desist | (b) assist | (c) resist | (d) consist |
| 12. | (a) age | (b) years | (c) eternity | (d) length |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. it went into esvrctie for the Dubai Police
2. iearrle this week
3. Robocop's first ffocaiil duty
4. the opening of a useitcyr conference
5. give setdnrioc
6. people's imoeotsn

Paragraph 2

7. A ssnoekmap said that by 2030...
8. rrqeue human employees
9. the latest smart tiaioddn
10. sndedgei to help us fight crime
11. improve seasniphp levels
12. aistss and help people

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () smart in Dubai Police. By 2030, we will have the first smart police station which won't
- () service for the Dubai Police earlier this week. Robocop's first official duty was to greet guests at the opening of
- () a security conference in Dubai. Apart from greeting visitors, its job was to answer questions and give
- () is here now, saying: "The age of the robots is no longer coming. It has arrived."
- () human police officers. In addition, RoboCop can speak six languages, including English and Arabic. The 170-centimetre-
- () been designed to help us fight crime, keep the city safe and improve happiness levels." He said RoboCop will, "assist
- () require human employees." He added: "The RoboCop is the latest smart addition to the police force and has
- () directions. RoboCop has a built-in tablet for people to interact with. People can use the tablet to pay traffic
- () and help people in the malls or on the streets". An official at the security conference commented that the future
- (**1**) The world's first robot police officer has started working. Its name is 'RoboCop' and it went into
- () Dubai Police says RoboCop is the first of many robot police officers for the city. A spokesman said that by
- () 2030, 25 per cent of the Dubai Police force will be robots. He said: "We are looking to make everything
- () fines and use other smart police services. The tablet is linked to a police station, so people can talk to
- () tall robot can also shake hands, salute people and recognize people's emotions and facial expressions.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

1. has first started robot working police The officer world's .
2. this It service Dubai week into the earlier went for Police .
3. to people for tablet in - built a has RoboCop with interact .
4. People to can pay use traffic the fines tablet .
5. RoboCop , addition In languages six speak can .
6. officers police robot many of first the is RoboCop city the for .
7. By Police per robots Dubai 25 be the , will of 2030 force cent .
8. 2030 , police have station the By first we smart will .
9. and improve happiness levels Fight crime , keep the city safe .
10. the The It longer robots age has coming is of arrived . no .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

The world's first robot police officer *has / had* started working. Its name is 'RoboCop' and it went *into / onto* service for the Dubai Police earlier this week. Robocop's first *officially / official* duty was to greet guests at the *opening / open* of a security conference in Dubai. Apart from greeting visitors, its job was to answer questions and *give / gave* directions. RoboCop has a built-in tablet for people to interact *on / with*. People can use the tablet *to / for* pay traffic fines and use other smart police services. The tablet is linked *to / of* a police station, so people can talk to human police officers. In addition, RoboCop can speak six *languages / language*, including English and Arabic. The 170-centimetre-tall robot can also shake hands, salute people and recognize people's *emotions / emotional* and facial expressions.

Dubai Police says RoboCop is the first *for / of* many robot police officers for the city. A spokesman said that *by / at* 2030, 25 per cent of the Dubai Police force will be robots. He said: "We are *looking / looked* to make everything smart in Dubai Police. By 2030, we will have the first smart police station which won't *require / requiring* human employees." He added: "The RoboCop is the latest smart *added / addition* to the police force and has been designed to help *us / them* fight crime, keep the city *safely / safe* and improve happiness levels." He said RoboCop will, "*assist / assistance* and help people in the *malls / mails* or on the streets". An official at the security conference commented that the future is here now, saying: "The *aged / age* of the robots is no longer coming. It has arrived."

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

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

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Th_ w_rld's f_rst r_b_t p_l_c_ _ff_c_r h_s st_rt_d
w_rk_ng. _ts n_m_ _s 'R_b_C_p' _nd _t w_nt _nt_
s_rv_c_ f_r th_ D_b_ P_l_c_ _rl_r th_s w_k.
R_b_c_p's f_rst _ff_c_ l_d_ty w_s t_ gr_t g_sts _t
th_ _p_nng _f_ s_c_r_ty c_nfr_nc_ _n D_b_. _p_rt
fr_m gr_tng v_s_t_rs, _ts j_b w_s t_ _nsw_r
q__st__ns _nd g_v_d_r_ct__ns. R_b_C_p h_s _b__lt-
_n t_bl_t f_r p__pl_ t_ _nt_r_ct w_th. P__pl_ c_n _s_
th_ t_bl_t t_ p_y tr_ff_c_f_n_s _nd _s_ _th_r sm_rt
p_l_c_ s_rv_c_s. Th_ t_bl_t _s l_nk_d t_ _p_l_c_
st_t__n, s_ p__pl_ c_n t_lk_t_ h_m_n p_l_c_ _ff_c_rs.
_n _dd_t__n, R_b_C_p c_n sp__k_s_x_l_ng__g_s,
_ncl_d_ng _ngl_sh _nd _r_b_c. Th_ 170-c_nt_m_tr_-t_ll
r_b_t c_n _ls_ sh_k_ h_nds, s_l_t_ p__pl_ _nd
r_c_gn_z_ p__pl_'s _m_t__ns _nd f_c__l_xpr_ss__ns.

D_b_ P_l_c_ s_ys R_b_C_p _s th_ f_rst _f_m_ny r_b_t
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_mpl_y__s." H_ _dd_d: "Th_ R_b_C_p _s th_ l_t_st
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_rr_v_d."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1705/170530-robot-police-officer.html>

the world's first robot police officer has started working its name is 'robocop' and it went into service for the dubai police earlier this week robocop's first official duty was to greet guests at the opening of a security conference in dubai apart from greeting visitors its job was to answer questions and give directions robocop has a built-in tablet for people to interact with people can use the tablet to pay traffic fines and use other smart police services the tablet is linked to a police station so people can talk to human police officers in addition robocop can speak six languages including english and arabic the 170-centimetre-tall robot can also shake hands salute people and recognize people's emotions and facial expressions

dubai police says robocop is the first of many robot police officers for the city a spokesman said that by 2030 25 per cent of the dubai police force will be robots he said "we are looking to make everything smart in dubai police by 2030 we will have the first smart police station which won't require human employees" he added "the robocop is the latest smart addition to the police force and has been designed to help us fight crime keep the city safe and improve happiness levels" he said robocop will "assist and help people in the malls or on the streets" an official at the security conference commented that the future is here now saying "the age of the robots is no longer coming it has arrived"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ROBOT POLICE OFFICERS: Make a poster about robot police officers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HUMAN POLICE: Write a magazine article about robot police officers being better than human police officers. Include imaginary interviews with the inventor of the RoboCop and with people who believe this and with people who do not.

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 robot police officers. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how they can help us. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b F c F d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1. started | a. began / begun |
| 2. task | b. job |
| 3. greeting | c. welcoming |
| 4. linked | d. connected |
| 5. emotions | e. feelings |
| 6. smart | f. Internet-connected |
| 7. require | g. need |
| 8. designed | h. created |
| 9. commented | i. remarked |
| 10. age | j. era |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. RoboCop
2. To greet people
3. Directions
4. Traffic fines
5. Six
6. 25%
7. A smart police station
8. Human employees
9. Happiness levels
10. The age of the robots

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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