

Write an essay of between **230 and 280 words** with the title

Robots – a curse or a blessing?

In your essay you should discuss **ALL** the points given below in some detail using arguments for and against. To support your arguments you may refer to your own or other people’s experience or examples.

reasons for the creation
of robots

science fiction

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development of robots –
social consequences

future prospects

fields of application
(domestic, industrial, scientific)

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Robots have been gaining more and more importance in our life. Intelligent robots, equipped with a high power computer and capable of sophisticated movements, belong to the latest generation of robots. It is still a controversial issue though, whether robots are a curse or a blessing for us.

There is doubtless a huge demand for robots in numerous fields of life, given that they can replace or even surpass human control. Household appliances, such as the microwave oven or the washing machine, can be pre-programmed to cook or wash, and thus save us considerable time and energy. Besides, modern industries could hardly survive without them, since robots are indispensable where mass production and precise but monotonous work is required. They frequently serve scientific purposes too, especially where human life is at risk, such as in space exploration missions. The reason for their creation was that these tasks cannot be performed so efficiently by other means.

However, nobody can predict accurately what direction research into robots will take. Science fiction presents plenty of alternatives, the scariest of which is the extinction of all mankind, or at least our subjection to the control of robots. Of course, this is gross exaggeration. Still the widespread application of robots has already had some unfavourable social consequences, for instance, making thousands of workers redundant. On the whole, it is our responsibility to find the balance. In order to benefit from robots, we should use them within reasonable limits. They certainly are and will be a guarantee of high living standards. However, losing control over them might even mean the end of civilisation.