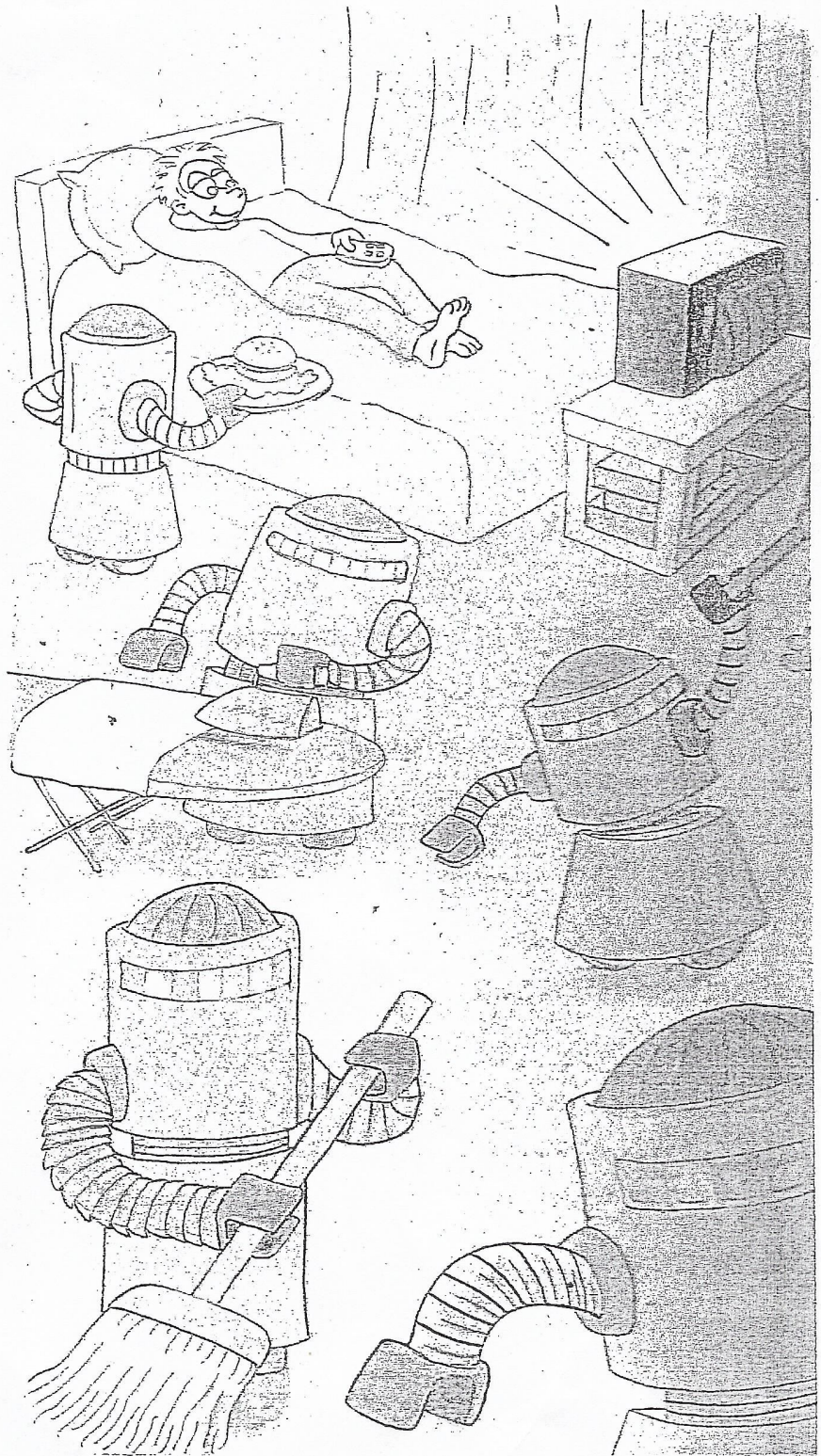


Reading

Read this article and choose the best title.

- a You will have everything done!
- b Your friend the computer
- c Clever mobile phones

- [1] By the year 2050 our lives will have changed beyond recognition! Everything will have become easier, from booking a flight to shopping in the supermarket. People will be able to do most things at the touch of a button.
- [2] In about fifty years' time almost everything will be done by computers, robots and other machines. For example, your computer will be able to check your fridge to see what you need, connect to the Internet, and e-mail a shopping list to your supermarket. The supermarket's computer will automatically charge your bank account. In no time, one of the supermarket robots will have delivered everything to your personal robot servant! This, in turn, will put everything away before you know it.
- [3] Computer science and robotics already satisfy a lot of our needs. There are robots that can do the housework, help school children with their homework and understand what you say to them! There are computer programs that can translate texts into more than ten different languages, although the translations they produce are sometimes rather odd! Not to mention mobile phones that can surf the Internet, record voices and images and show you, on a colour screen, the person you're talking to!
- [4] Why, then, isn't everyone using these wonderful machines? Well, because many of these technologies are still experimental and terribly expensive. But things won't be like that for ever! Bear in mind that only twenty years ago mobile phones were the size (and weight!) of bricks and forty times more expensive than they are today.
- [5] However, by the year 2050, advanced technology will have become readily available to everyone and at an affordable price! In addition, all these technologies will have improved enormously and, no doubt, scientists will have invented hundreds of other ways of making our lives easier.



Comprehension

Match the headings (A-F) with paragraphs 1-5. There is one extra heading that you don't need to use.

- A Better and cheaper
- B Easy shopping
- C Expensive technology
- D New mobile phones
- E Technology today
- F An easier life

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