Technology of the future

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PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each word with its meaning.

1 invention ____	**a** a new device or process created for the first time
2 robot ____	**b** a machine that can perform tasks automatically
3 predict ____	**c** to say what will happen in the future
4 innovative ____	**d** new and original in ideas or methods
5 artificial intelligence ____	**e** technology that allows computers to perform tasks needing human intelligence
6 driverless car ____	**f** a car that can drive itself without a human
7 smart home ____	**g** a house with connected, automated devices
8 breakthrough ____	**h** an important discovery or development
9 possibility ____	**i** a chance that something might happen
10 advance ____	**j** to make progress or develop further

2 Choose the correct form.

1 This is an exciting invention / inventions.
2 The robot / robots cleaned the floor.
3 Experts predict / predicted big changes.
4 This is a very innovative / innovation idea.
5 Artificial intelligence / Artificially intelligence is improving fast.
6 They tested a driverless car / driverless cars.
7 She lives in a smart home / smart-home.
8 Scientists made a breakthrough / break-through.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

advance | artificial intelligence | breakthrough | driverless car | innovative | invention | possibility | robot

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News A: Scientists announced a major 1 _____ in 2 _____, which could lead to smarter machines.
News B: The company tested a new 3 _____ that can navigate busy streets safely.
News C: An 4 _____ 5 _____ was unveiled that can help with household chores.
General: Experts believe there is real 6 _____ for continued 7 _____ in this field, and every new 8 _____ brings us closer.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 innovative ____	**a** basic
2 advanced ____	**b** impossible
3 possible ____	**c** manual
4 modern ____	**d** outdated
5 automatic ____	**e** past
6 smart ____	**f** traditional
7 improve ____	**g** worsen
8 future ____	**h** unintelligent

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

The future of transport

Scientists predict that driverless cars will become common within a decade. This innovative technology relies on artificial intelligence to navigate roads safely. Some experts see huge possibilities for reducing accidents, while others remain cautious about the pace of advance. Many believe this breakthrough could completely change how people travel.

1 Scientists predict driverless cars will become common. T / F

2 This technology has nothing to do with artificial intelligence. T / F

3 Some experts see possibilities for reducing accidents. T / F

4 Everyone agrees the pace of advance is fine. T / F

5 Many believe this breakthrough could change travel. T / F

6 The technology is described as innovative. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (in, for, on, of).

1 Experts see huge possibilities _____ change.

2 The car relies _____ artificial intelligence.

3 There was a breakthrough _____ technology.

4 They made an important advance _____ science.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of a future technology you find exciting or worrying.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use future tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description clear and balanced.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Words

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

2 Choose the correct form

1 invention 2 robot 3 predict 4 innovative 5 Artificial intelligence 6 driverless car 7 smart home 8 breakthrough

3 Descriptions

1 breakthrough 2 artificial intelligence 3 driverless car 4 innovative 5 robot 6 possibility 7 advance 8 invention

4 Opposites

1 f 2 a 3 b 4 d 5 c 6 h 7 g 8 e

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - it relies on it.
3 T
4 F - some remain cautious.
5 T
6 T

6 Prepositions

1 for 2 on 3 in 4 in

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and balanced wording.