PICTURE STORY

Look at this picture. Who is in the picture? What is happening? Why do you think the people are in the water? Tell us the story behind this picture.

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R O L E P L A Y

STUDENT

You are on a weekend trip to London with your parents. Because you love reading, you have decided to visit a small English bookshop. You want to buy a new book in English, so you need to explain your reading preferences to the shop assistant. Tell them what kinds of books you enjoy, what you have read before, and ask questions to help you choose a book you would really like.

R O L E P L A Y

TEACHER

You are a shop assistant in a small English bookshop in London. A teenage visitor from Slovakia wants to buy a book in English. Your job is to help them choose a book they will enjoy.

You start: "Hello! Welcome to our bookshop! How can I help you?"

A N S W E R K E Y

GRAMMAR – 15 points

1. into / in	6. out	11. soon
2. an	7. so	12. at
3. the	8. down	13. for
4. when	9. because / since / as	14. where / that
5. be	10. was	15. To

VOCABULARY – 10 points

1. endangered	6. cutting	11. saucepan
2. illegally	7. soak	12. spoon
3. successfully	8. bowl	13. cook
4. extinction	9. starch	14. oven
5. conservationist	10. tea	15. tray

READING – 10 points

1. B	6. underlined: <u>Devon</u>, correction: Cornwall
2. C	7. underlined: <u>female</u>, correction: male
3. A	8. underlined: <u>2019</u>, correction: 2020
4. B	9. bold
5. C	10. (to) stare

LISTENING – 5 points

1. NM
2. F
3. F
4. T
5. F

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(please, read twice)

Are Humans Still Smarter than AI?

You've probably used it, you've definitely heard of it—ChatGPT has been held as a game changer.

It can write songs, define quantum mechanics, as well as explain how you could boost your intelligence. Google has also released a competitor, Bard. Impressive, right?

Computers seem to be rapidly outsmarting their creators—but is that really true?

We have sophisticated algorithms, but what many of these algorithms are doing is getting a lot of information from the internet. They are capable of addressing all kinds of situations and all kinds of questions. However, they're not very good at adapting. They're not very good at learning something in one scenario or environment and then generalizing it to a different one.

This is something that children and infants are very good at. It's our adaptability that keeps us one step ahead of AI. From birth, our brain adapts and moulds itself to the environment in a very efficient way.

We're still very far away from having computers that are truly adaptable. Maybe we'll figure out how that happens, but for now, these algorithms usually don't have bodies—and even if they do, they're robots. The robots' bodies don't change, and their experiences are much less flexible. There's a lot less variability compared to children and infants, who need to adapt to a different body and new experiences every day.

The truth is, neuroscientists still don't know exactly how or why our brain is so good at adapting. Until we understand better how this process works, computers aren't going to come anywhere close.

And luckily, ChatGPT knows the limits of its own virtual mind—it cannot replicate the full range of human intelligence.

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