

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text carefully. Complete the task on the next page.

Women's adoption of AI tools

Whether you're listening to your "Daily Mix" on Spotify or checking the weather forecast on Alexa, it's likely AI is already part of your daily routine. AI professor Dr Henry Shevlin believes the impact of this technology may be as big as the Industrial Revolution. Already, its impact has been huge. Book publisher Spines announced it will be using AI to design and publish 8,000 books this year.

But there's a risk of women missing out on the possibilities this seismic shift presents due to a significant gender gap both in the use of AI and the workforce developing it. Women's adoption of AI tools is slower than men, with a recent survey by FlexJobs showing that it's used by 54% of men compared with just 35% of women. AI models are hugely influenced by the people who build them. Given women only make up 29% of the AI workforce, change is needed. Dr Eleanor Drage cohosts *The Good Robot* podcast, bringing a feminist lens to these new technologies. She can understand why female AI uptake might be slower. "Women often don't know if AI products are worth our time because we're already too busy. Yet it's essential for all of us to experiment, join the conversation, and develop a basic level of AI literacy."

Artificial intelligence allows computers to learn and solve problems almost like a person. The systems are trained on huge amounts of information, learning to identify the patterns in order to carry out tasks. Different models are trained to perform different functions. Generative AI, which has provided the greatest recent advances, operates differently by creating new content, such as text, images, music, and videos based on users' prompts. From healthcare to education, the everyday impact of these new technologies is huge. Despite its potential to enhance productivity and efficiency, AI researcher Dr Kelly McInerney reassuringly stresses that AI cannot replace human attributes and emotional intelligence.

Even if you're unsure about introducing more AI into your home, the demand for AI capabilities in the workplace is high and growing. Some level of AI literacy will be essential, with a recent LinkedIn survey finding that 66% of leaders wouldn't hire a candidate without basic AI skills. AI could be game-changing for start-ups with limited resources, given its potential to increase productivity and reduce the need for administrative staff.

The primary concern for many is privacy. AI systems may include personal data, such as health records or financial statements, raising the danger of misuse or exposure in data breaches, so you should be cautious about what you share and which sites you use. Many companies are so concerned about corporate information leaking via staff using sites such as ChatGPT that they've put strict rules in place limiting their use.

AI can feel daunting – the scale and pace of change is extraordinary. But it's also exciting to be part of the first generation to embrace its new opportunities. Whether you need to draft a job application or just map out a holiday childcare schedule, the possibilities are endless.

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Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 36. ročník, celoštátne kolo 2025/2026, kategória 2B – úlohy**READING COMPREHENSION – CONTINUATION**

Task: Based on what you have read in the article, complete the statements below. You must fill in 1 word or 2 words (the number of missing words is indicated). You have to use words from the article, or word forms derived from them. The statements do not follow in the same order as the information appears in the article.

1. For with budget constraints, AI might have a
groundbreaking effect. (1 word)
2. Artificial intelligence is “coached” to recognize in order
to fulfil assigned tasks. (1 word)
3. AI might seem intimidating as it is advancing at an exceptional
..... and (2 words)
4. Women are failing to seize AI opportunities, either as users of AI or as part of
the technology-development (1 word)
5. In a great number of companies, there are strict regulations in place that
..... how AI can be used by their employees. (1 word)
6. One of the experts assumes that AI technology might be as transformative as the
..... (2 words)
7. Generative AI is capable of producing new content on the basis of
..... (2 words)
8. One of the experts concludes that women should improve their fundamental
level of AI (1 word)
9. AI raises concerns about unauthorized use or disclosure of information stemming
from (2 words)
10. One AI expert points out that AI cannot substitute personal traits and
..... (2 words)

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V O C A B U L A R Y

Task: Fill each blank space in the article below with the correct form of the word in capital letters.

Joanna Finney shares her must-reads for the month

I've been a fan of Rachel Joyce's writing since her debut, *The Unlikely* (1) of Harold Fry. Her new novel, *The Homemade* (2). **PILGRIM**
God, is a darker book in tone and subject, but it is just as (2). **RESIST**
 Having lost their mum when they were young, Goose and his three sisters have been raised by their dad, Vic, a world-famous artist whose parenting style could at best be described as *laissez-faire* and at worst (3). A big drinker **NEGLECT**
 and (4), Vic is a larger-than-life presence who dominates **WOMAN**
 the family.

When he announces in his 70s that he's planning to marry a woman nearly 50 years his junior, his children are baffled. Over the next couple of months, he contacts them only to let them know he's taken his new wife, Bela-Mae, to the family's holiday home on an island in Italy to paint a new (5). Then they receive a **PIECE**
 shocking call: their father has drowned in (6) circumstances **SUSPECT**
 in Lake Orta.

During a hot Italian summer, the siblings gather at the house to try to understand what has happened and locate the missing painting. Once Bella-Mae joins them, things begin to unravel, leaving the once-close siblings (7) **STRANGE**
 from one another.

The mystery surrounding Vic's death propels the novel along, but this isn't a thriller. It's a beautifully written family drama, full of (8) into **SIGHT**
 shared trauma, sibling (9), and how hard it is to break free **RIVAL**
 from the past and other people's (10) of you. **PERCEIVE**

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GRAMMAR

Task: Fill each of the numbered blanks in the passage with one suitable word, which serves only a grammatical function in the text.

The UK's top nutritionist teaches positive nutrition

EXAMPLE: (0) *have*

The majority of my adult clients (0) become (1) preoccupied with what to eat, they've lost their love for food. Many have troubled or problematic relationships with their diet going (2) decades, often cutting out entire food groups or suppressing their appetite in the pursuit of being thin. This (3) left them confused about what to eat and disassociated (4) the importance and joy of food.

My job as a medical scientist and nutritionist is to cut through the noise and contradictory opinions (5) solid, evidence-based advice that will help people reconnect with food and, (6) importantly, themselves. That's (7) I teach positive nutrition: eat foods that are good for you (8) abundance. Cutting out food is incredibly hard, and we know it doesn't work thanks to myriad studies that show (9) unsustainable calorie deficit and restrictive diets (10) in the long term.

The Mediterranean diet epitomises the gold standard (11) longevity. It's been studied, analysed, and used as an intervention for decades by dozens of research groups on millions of patients. The evidence is so strong, there's (12) real mystery left to it – a diet high in primarily wholefoods – vegetables, wholegrains, fruits, nuts, and seeds with regular oily fish and extra-virgin olive oil consumption. Besides (13) delicious, it's consistently linked with reduced risks of diseases like heart disease, depression, and type-2 diabetes. The beauty of this way of eating lies (14) just in the scientific evidence, but also in (15) flexibility.

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LISTENING

FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESEARCHER

You will hear Katie Dominy, who works as a foreign affairs researcher in the UK Parliament. Fill in the missing words in the sentences below which summarize the information about her. Use only words you have heard, or words derived from them. (The number of missing words is given in brackets.)

1. Katie Dominy's responsibilities include writing articles
for Members of Parliament. (1 word)
2. Before getting a permanent contract in Parliament, Katie received a degree in
..... (2 words)
3. When Katie discussed the crisis in Sudan with her MPs, they talked about the
..... of UK citizens. (1 word)
4. One of Katie's long-termed projects is related to post-Brexit
..... (2 words)
5. Katie needs to analyse sources carefully since news and
..... may interfere with her work. (2 words)
6. While researching the situation in Punjab, Katie could
not trust the reliability of sources completely. (1 word)
7. Katie can support her own research by using the publications of
..... researchers in the library. (1 word)
8. During Zoom calls with MPs, Katie discusses problems like
..... and education. (2 words)
9. Before finalizing briefing material, Katie meets with researchers and
..... groups. (1 word)
10. Katie's research briefings to MPs may become almost
instantly. (1 word)

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