

Reading

1. Read the article. How do you feel about computers?

The Future of Computers

In the past 50 years, computers have become a lot smarter. Some scientists predict that computers will become even more intelligent than people. They say that computers will start to design and build other computers. Later on these computers will change themselves into bigger, stronger computers, just as some types of animals have become bigger and stronger after thousands of years. Some people think that thousands of years from now humans and computers will be fighting to control the world.

Why do they feel this way? First, it takes years for a person to get an education. However, you can put a CD into a computer and it instantly knows everything it needs to know. Second, computers will be processing very large amounts of information very quickly—much more quickly than people can do it. Third, groups of computers will work together to solve problems. Some scientists think that these supercomputers will try to control us. Other scientists believe that human life and computers will come together in new ways in the future. They say computers will be attached to the human body, or we will program human intelligence into computers.

2. Answer these questions about the reading.

1. How intelligent will computers become?

They will become more intelligent than people.

2. What will computers start to do?

3. Who will be fighting to control the world?

4. Who learns faster, a computer or a person?

5. What will groups of computers do?

6. What will be put into computers in the future?

