

Robots in the Workplace

Reading Comprehension Questions



(Mahoney, 2015)



(Hynes, 2015)

Read through the source texts about robots in the workplace, and fill in the table below.

This will help you gather information for the 'background / history' section of your Introduction.

Find the answers to the questions below in the source texts.

When	What happened / is happening
	Industrial Revolution: machines replaced simple human jobs / helped with more difficult tasks
1901	
	Engineers around world experimented with robotics to help develop industry
1961	
Today	<i>(Mention a few general ideas here)</i> * * *

1. Why are most hospitals in industrialized nations facing a staff shortage? (Text 2)

How can robots help with this? (Text 2)

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- _____
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2. Why are some doctors concerned about the future role of robots in hospitals? (Text 2)

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3. How can robots help a company increase its output and efficiency? Give some examples. (Text 4)

Now:

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- _____

In the future:

- _____

4. How can robots save a company money? Give details and examples. (Text 5)

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5. Describe the graph on page 4.

Note: When describing future possibility, use modals like 'may' and 'could.'

6. In general, what are the negative consequences of robots being used in the workplace?

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