BBC LEARNING ENGLISH Media English 媒体英语 Will a robot take your job? 机器人会抢了你的饭碗吗?



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不论你是正坐在办公桌前或是正在开出租车,请你停下来想想这个问题:你做的这个工作若换做机器人或一台机器来完成是否能比你做得更好?英国牛津大学和德勤会计事务所(Deloitte)的研究人员说,英国现有工作的大约三分之一将在未来的二十年后被计算机取代。以下是Rory Cellan-Jones 的报道。

Oxford University has **predicted** that 35% of jobs in the UK **workforce** are at risk from **automation** over the next 10 to 20 years. But Deloitte paints an **optimistic** picture of the way technology has transformed work over the past 15 years. While some jobs have been destroyed by automation – the number of typists is down by 75% - far more have been created.

But as computers and robots learn how to do more tasks once restricted to humans, there is a threat to **low-skilled workers**. Those earning under £30,000 a year are five times as likely to lose their jobs as people earning over £100,000.

Skills that computers don't possess, such as creativity and **social intelligence**, will become increasingly valuable in the job market.

词汇表

predicted	预测,预言
workforce	劳动力,劳动人口
automation	自动化
optimistic	乐观的
low-skilled workers	低技能劳动者
social intelligence	社会智力,社交智慧

测验

请听报道并回答下列问题。

- 1. According to the report, what's positive about increased automation?
- 2. True or false? A type of job in which people writing letters and documents on a keyboard for another person has been affected badly over that last fifteen years.
- 3. Are people who earn more than £100,000 as much at risk of losing their jobs to machines as those earning ten times less?
- 4. What are the best skills to have to avoid your job being done by a computer?

答案

- 1. According to the report, what's positive about increasing automation? Far more jobs have been created than destroyed.
- 2. True or false? A type of job in which people writing letters and documents on a keyboard for another person has been affected badly over that last fifteen years. **True. The number of typists is down by 75%.**
- 3. Are people who earn more than £100,000 as much at risk of losing their jobs to machines as those earning ten times less?
 - No. People who earn more than £100,000 are five times less likely to lose their jobs as those earning £10,000.
- 4. What are the best skills to have to avoid your job being done by a computer? The best skills to have are creativity and social intelligence.