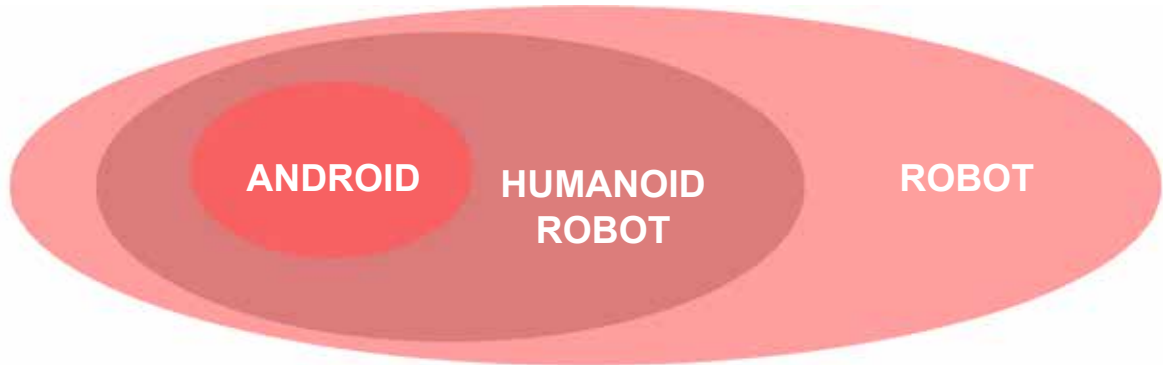


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1. Look at the terms below and try to explain the difference between them.



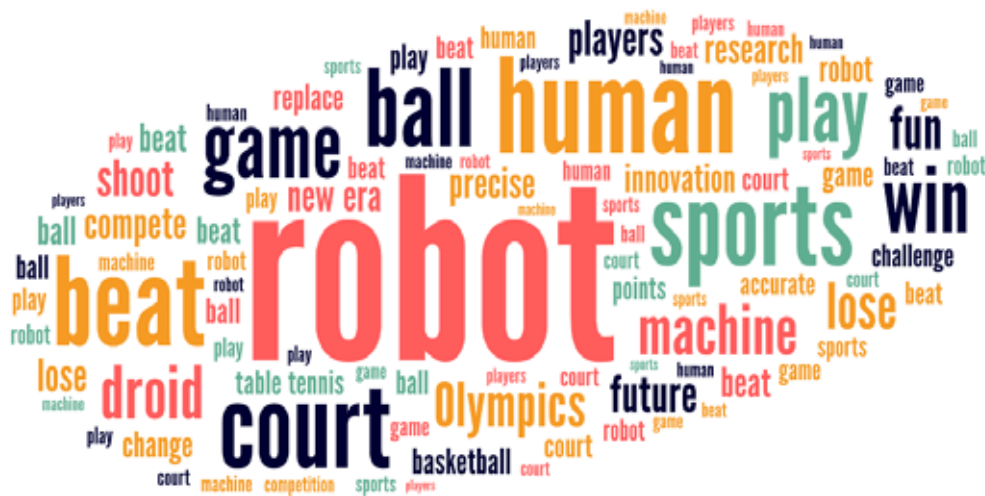
2. Look at the photos and discuss the questions below.



- How do the robots shown in the photos change our lives?
- Can you imagine what the world would look like without them?
- Do you think robots might be better than humans at some activities? Which ones?
- Do you think we will see more androids in the future? Why (not)?
- Have you heard of any interesting new robots?

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3. Choose the correct words in the sentences below.
- a) He's a great athlete who has **done/played** weightlifting for 20 years.
 - b) They **do/play** table tennis every Thursday.
 - c) Millions of **spectators/viewers** watch the Super Bowl on TV every year.
 - d) The game attracted a crowd of over 50,000 **spectators/viewers**.
 - e) Poland needed to **beat/win** Italy to get to the final.
 - f) Have you heard that a Japanese rider **beat/won** the speedway race?
 - g) She **scored/shot** from the middle of the field and gained victory for her team.
 - h) The team **scored/shot** the first goal after five minutes.
 - i) They played so badly that they **drew/lost** the game and went out of the championship.
 - j) They **drew/lost** 1–1 against Manchester United last week.
4. You're going to watch two short videos. Look at the word cloud and predict what the videos might be about.



5. Watch the videos [<https://youtube.com/shorts/L0oq1rvwwxs> and <https://youtu.be/k1tx25Mu4eI>] and summarise them using the vocabulary in the box.

accurate	beat	compete	game	humanoid robot
lose	points	score	shoot	winner

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6. Discuss the questions.

- Do you like the idea of sports robots?
- Should robots compete with humans in sports?
- What kind of competitions would be more exciting: humans versus robots or robots versus robots? Why?
- Who do you think spectators would support in competitions between humans and robots? Why?
- In your opinion, are robots like these more likely to win, draw or lose when competing with humans in sports? Why?



7. Read the sentences and match the words in bold to their meanings below.

- Doing **research** with robots such as Cue is a waste of money and time.
- Scientists** should **invent** robots that will improve our lives and not focus on robots in entertainment, including sports.
- Human intelligence will always beat **artificial intelligence (AI)**.
- Engineers** should stop designing androids, because it's not ethical to create robots that look like humans.
- More and more people will lose their jobs because of **automation** and robots.

MEANINGS:

- the use of computers and machines instead of people to do a job
- someone who designs or builds things such as machines, roads or engines
- the detailed study of a subject to discover new information or test new ideas
- an expert who studies or works in one of the sciences
- design and/or create something that has never been made before
- the ability of computers and robots to do intelligent things that people can do, such as think and make decisions

8. Read the statements from ex. 7 again and prepare arguments for and against them. Then, hold debates and say why you agree or disagree with each statement.