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An automated world

W: Nowadays manual jobs are few and far between in some sectors. How could you explain that Sarah?

Sarah: Well for me we live in a technology-driven world where robots and computers have transformed the way we live and work, and often save men from stultifying chores.

W: Yes, carry on, investigate further please.

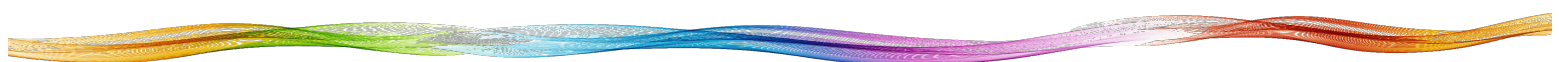
Sarah: Being able to use a computer is an absolute necessity today, were it only to send an e-mail. But with the advent of modern technology some workers feel as if they have outlived their usefulness.

W: Exactly. One of the dangers of excessive automation is the dehumanization of society. As a matter of fact, robots take no coffee breaks, do not call in sick on Mondays, do not go on strike and do not take holidays. Plus, they can do men's work faster, better, more cheaply, tirelessly for twenty four hours a day and do not qualify for pension, so what will men do then?

Sarah: seen from this perspective, nothing. But to me it looks as if domestic robots are unlikely to do the tedious household chores for some time to come.

W: Don't be so sure of that Sarah, progress in this world is very fast.

Sarah: So what? Will machines be the servants of men or will we be the servants of machines?





GLOSSARY:

An automated world	Excessive automation
To be few and far between	Dehumanization
To transform	Coffee breaks
To save	Holidays
To stultify	Pension
To carry on	Domestic robots
To investigate	tedious household chores
To send	Progress
To outlive	The servants
To call in sick	Further
To go on strike	Faster
To qualify to	Better
See/saw/seen	More cheaply
To look as if	Tirelessly
Manual jobs	Unlikely
Some sectors	for some time to come
A technology-driven world	
Robots and computers	
stultifying chores	
An absolute necessity	
The advent	
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