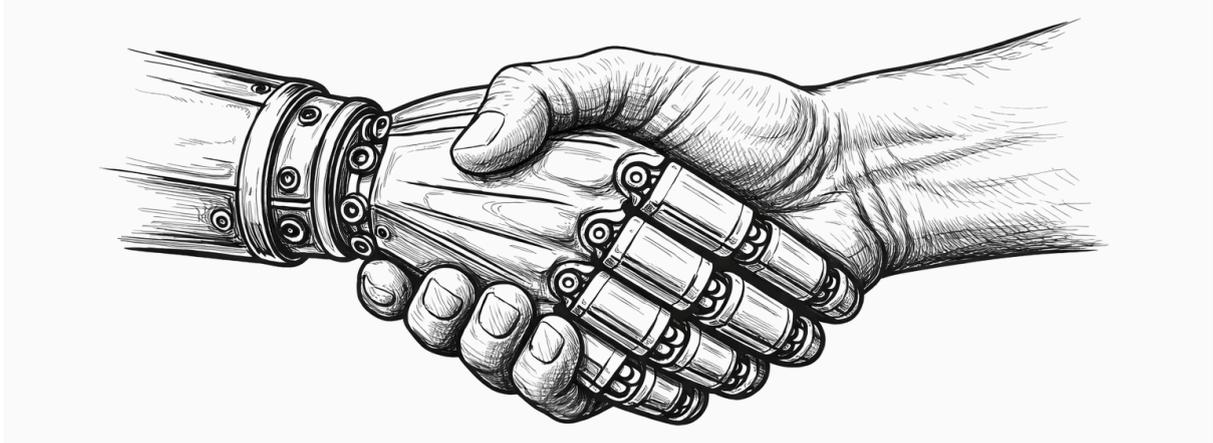


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“I don’t know with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.” - Albert Einstein (physicist)



Did you know?

OpenAI's ChatGPT reached 100 million users faster than any product in history — faster than Instagram, TikTok or the iPhone.

Scientists have successfully grown a human ear on the back of a mouse, and are working on growing replacement organs for transplant.

Several companies are currently testing brain implants that allow paralysed people to control computers with their thoughts.

Lab-grown meat, real chicken and beef grown from animal cells without killing any animals, is already on sale in Singapore and Israel, and was approved for sale in Australia in 2025.

Inventor Ray Kurzweil believes that within ten years, tiny robots will be able to enter the human brain and download your memories like files on a computer. He thinks this will eventually allow people to live forever — as software.

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Mixed up vocabulary

apocalypse	a place where everything is perfect
prediction	a person who claims to be able to see into the future
utopia	the outlook for the future
breakthrough	the end of the world
unlikely	an informed guess about a future event
fortune teller	an important discovery which allows progress to be made
forecast	it probably won't happen

Idioms and collocations

The iPhone was *ahead of its* _____ and revolutionised the tech industry.

If I *look into my crystal* _____, I see a bleak future for newspaper journalism.

My *best* _____ is that people will walk on Mars before 2035

In the *short* _____ petrol prices will continue to rise.

Time will _____ if the Minister's growth forecasts are too pessimistic.

ball time term tell guess

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Would you like to live for 1000 years?

Would you want a brain implant if it made you significantly more intelligent?

Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future?

Would you like a car that drives itself?

What possible future invention do you wish existed now?

What do you think people will do for entertainment in the future?

Do you think people will work more or less in the future?

What could be some important political issues in the next decade?

What laws do you think could change in the future?

If it was possible to time-travel, which time period would you like to visit?