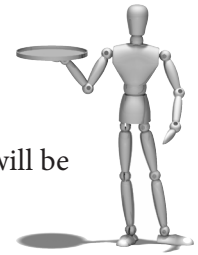


## ROBOTS IN, HUMANS OUT

Bad news for chefs and waiters, but good news for diners. Soon you won't have to worry about poor service or bad food in restaurants. Some computers and robots that can replace restaurant workers are already on sale, and others will be available within the next year or two. It won't be long before you are able to sit down and eat in a restaurant where there are no human workers!

- 5 In the Bytes restaurant in Canterbury, England, waiters don't come to tables to bring menus or take orders. Instead, customers look at the menu on a computer screen next to their table. When they are ready, they just touch buttons on the screen and place their orders. The computer sends the orders to the kitchen, so there is no possibility of waiters becoming confused and making mistakes with orders.



- 10 Soon robots will be doing all the cooking, too. AIC-AI Cookingrobot is a robot that will be able to prepare all kinds of traditional Chinese foods. It will be able to cook, bake, and fry such dishes as chow mein, fried rice, and wontons in approximately five minutes. Besides getting your food faster when AIC-AI Cookingrobot is in the kitchen, you also won't have to worry about dirty hands touching your food. The robot manufacturer says that it should be ready within less than a year. By the way, AIC-AI Cookingrobot will also be suitable for home use, which is sure to make many people very happy.

At fully automated restaurants, Robo Waiter 1 will take the place of regular waiters and serve meals to the customers. Robo Waiter 1 will also guide people to their tables.

- 20 While the inventors of the different robots and computers list many different benefits of having a fully automated restaurant, there is one advantage that customers will especially like: You don't have to give robots any tips.

**QUESTIONS**

Answer questions 1–7 according to the passage. In questions 3 and 7, circle the number of the correct answer. In the other questions, follow the instructions.

1. What is the “bad news for chefs and waiters” which is mentioned in line 1?

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. i) CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER, YES or NO.

Some restaurants are already fully automated. YES / NO

- ii) Copy a phrase or sentence from the text which proves your answer.

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is unusual about the Bytes restaurant in England? (lines 5–9)

- i) There aren't any waiters in the restaurant.
- ii) Customers place their orders by computer.
- iii) Waiters rarely make mistakes with orders.
- iv) The waiters send the orders to the kitchen via a computer.

4. COMPLETE THE TABLE. (lines 5–18)

What are some problems that the new restaurant technologies solve?

	Problem	New Technology That Solves It
i)		AIC-AI Cookingrobot
ii)	It sometimes takes a long time to get the food you ordered.	
iii)		Touch-button computer screen

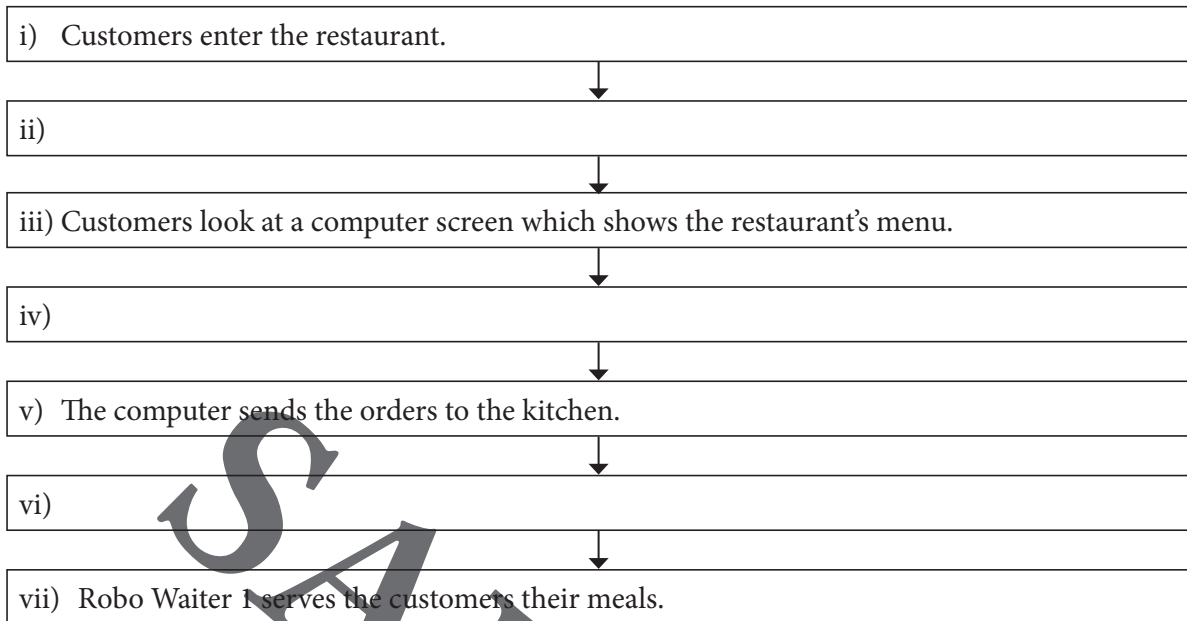
5. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE. (lines 5–18)

How is AIC-AI Cookingrobot different from the other technologies mentioned in the text?

People will be able to \_\_\_\_\_.

6. COMPLETE THE GRAPHIC ORGANIZER.

In a fully automated restaurant, what is the sequence of events from the time people enter the restaurant and until they get their food?



7. What is the main reason why people would enjoy eating in a fully automated restaurant? (lines 5–21)

- i) It's cheaper.
- ii) It's cleaner.
- iii) Robots are more polite.
- iv) The food tastes better.