

## Fun Bits 5

# Fast-growing Technology

Technology is playing an important role in different aspects of our lives. Let's learn more about it.

### Housekeeping Robots

Nowadays, robots can help with many kinds of housework, from sweeping the floor to cleaning the windows. They are helpful because they can complete a lot of manual tasks for humans, so that people can have more time to focus on other important things. Housekeeping robots are smart. They can clean every corner of the houses that are hard for people to reach.



### Self-driving Cars

Self-driving cars, also known as 'driverless' cars, can operate by themselves without any drivers. The control system and built-in sensors are responsible for controlling the cars and avoiding obstacles. They also help navigate, that is, to find the way, and follow traffic rules on the roads. Therefore, self-driving cars can ensure that users have safe and worry-free rides.



**A** Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) in each box.

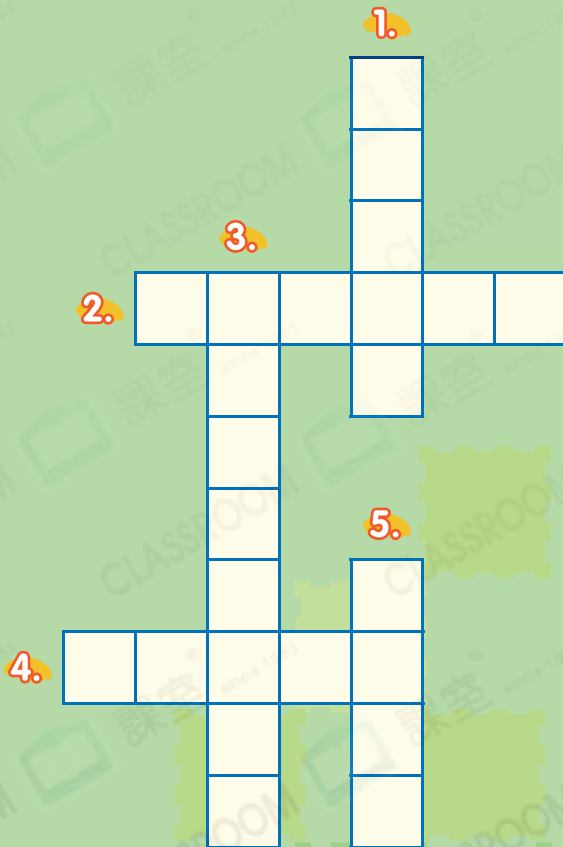
1. Housekeeping robots can carry out different household chores.
2. Self-driving cars cannot avoid hitting obstacles by themselves.
3. Self-driving cars do not follow traffic rules.
4. The virtual assistant application can tell users about the weather of the day.
5. Users can have conversations with Siri.

## The Virtual Assistant Application

Siri is a virtual assistant application for some smartphones. It responds to the voice commands of the users. It can help them carry out a wide variety of tasks, which include searching for information, scheduling events, looking for directions, and so on. Users can also chat with Siri like a friend. Sometimes, they might even get funny responses from Siri. It's surely a useful and fun application to use!



**B** Read the hints and complete the crossword puzzle with the correct words from the text.



### Hints:

1. My brother can't \_\_\_\_\_ on his homework when the TV is on.
2. Housekeeping robots can \_\_\_\_\_ that every corner of your house is clean.
3. In the old days, sailors used to \_\_\_\_\_ by looking at the stars in the sky.
4. The robot can \_\_\_\_\_ the top of cupboards with its extendable arms.
5. Nowadays, people often \_\_\_\_\_ with one another through text messages.

### STEAM Highlights

What is the name of the virtual assistant application mentioned? (Find the answer from the text and check it on P.72.)