

Writing Task Sample

Unit 20 The use of AI: a blessing or a curse (p.159)

Is artificial intelligence a good thing or a bad thing?

Write an article about the pros and cons of artificial intelligence in about 200 words.

The rapid development of artificial intelligence, or AI, has been a **controversial and widely discussed issue** recently. Much of the debate centres around the potential benefits and harms it could cause.

AI can drastically reduce the time taken to perform and execute complex tasks, making decision-making faster, smarter, and **less prone to human error**. This can make our daily lives easier and more convenient. **Automation, which** is one of the most common benefits of AI, can also increase productivity and production rates in businesses, improving access to education, healthcare, and **addressing issues** such as climate change, poverty, and hunger.

However, AI also has its downsides, including the high costs of creating machines that can **simulate human intelligence**, sometimes **at the expense of** creativity. Since AI **algorithms** are built by humans, they can also have **built-in biases** of those who introduce them into the machine's algorithm. Machines lack emotions and **ethics** and can be easily **manipulated**.

One of the biggest concerns related to AI is the human cost. AI has the potential to replace humans, particularly in the workplace, leading to job losses.

In the foreseeable future, artificial intelligence will continue to have a significant impact on our lives. As the technology evolves and improves, there are calls for a special **regulatory agency** to be established with global regulations to **oversee** and manage the development and application of this AI technology.

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