

Part 1 Vocabulary Preview *Before you watch the video, try to guess what the underlined expressions mean from context clues.*

1. I am having trouble breathing because of my asthma, and I can't find my inhaler.
2. My brother is running my phone out to me because I left it at home.
3. I know Tesla has improved its driving automation, but I still prefer to drive by hand.
4. It is every parent's responsibility to keep their children out of harm's way.
5. You need to terminate that program. It is a big security risk.

Part 2 Background & Gist



Spooner



Dr. Calvin

- This movie was released in 2004.
- The movie is loosely based on a series of sci-fi short stories published in 1950.
- It takes place in 2035.

As you are watching the video, think about: **What technology does Spooner seem to dislike the most in this video?**

Part 3 Comprehension *After you watch the video, try to answer these questions.*

1. What is Spooner eating?
2. Why does Spooner chase the robot?
3. Why is the robot running?
4. What is Spooner's job? What department does Spooner work for?
5. How did the old man in the hologram die?
6. What does Spooner ask for on the phone while he is driving?
7. Why is Dr. Calvin worried in the car?
8. What is Spooner's marital status?

Part 4 Discussion *Discuss these questions with your partner or group.*

1. This movie is set in 2035. It was released in 2004. What future technology does it predict? Can you identify at least 6 different things?
2. What “2004 future” technology in the video do we already have?
3. What technology in the video do you think we will have by 2035?
4. What technology in the video do you think we will not have by 2035?
5. When do you think fully automated driving will become the norm in our world? What obstacles still need to be overcome?
6. When (if?) automated driving becomes the norm, will you still want to drive by hand (like Spooner)? Why?
7. Do you see any problems with how Spooner's car is parked?
8. What jobs are the robots doing in this video?
9. In your opinion, what types of jobs are the robots from this movie not capable of doing? Why?
10. How would the robots in *I, Robot* make your life better? How would they make your life worse?
11. This movie is focused on robot technology. Modern society seems more focused on fear of A.I. How are these two issues different? How are they similar?
12. In a world with highly advanced technology, what aspects of life do you think should always remain under human control? Why?

Part 5 Language Review *Choose the word or expression from the video that best matches the highlighted expressions.*

1. [**Go away**], canner.
2. He was [**quickly bringing it**] to me.
3. That, detective, is the right question. Program [**ended**].
4. John, I need [**support**]. I'm [**sending**] my location.
5. By hand? You [**must be joking**]. Not at these speeds!
6. Now, [**I am sure that there were**] unknown factors, but somehow acting as it did [**protected us**].
7. [**I am sure that you know**] my ex-wife. (You are similar to my ex-wife.)

Part 6 Sentence Building Write sentences about the video clip using the words given. You can change the word form or add words, but you cannot change the word order. Use a present time frame (tenses).

E.g. Spooner / insult / FedEx / robot / as / he / leave / building

Spooner insults a FedEx robot as he is leaving his building.

1. other / robot / polite / apologize / Spooner / after / he / bump / it
2. Spooner / start / chase / robot / when / he / see / it / run / purse
3. after / Spooner / tackle / robot / robot / apologize / him
4. robot / run / woman / inhaler / out / her / because / she / leave / it / home
5. after / Spooner / get / out / car / robot / arm / pick / it / up / and / park / it
6. Spooner / enter / building / and / start / conversation / hologram / Dr / Lanning
7. while / drive / Spooner / call / backup / and / transmit / location
8. Dr / Calvin / insist / robot / could / never / endanger / human
9. Dr / Calvin / shock / when / Spooner / start / drive / car / hand

Script

- Robot:** Good morning, sir. Yet another on-time delivery from...
- Spooner:** Get the hell out of my face, canner.
- Robot:** Have a nice day!
- Advert:** And we believe our "Destination Anywhere" package to be the best value. Let us bring you to your dream destination...
- Robot:** Excuse me, sir.
- Advert:** Total performance. Total readiness. Total security.
- Spooner:** Hold my pie, sir. Hold it or wear it. Hey! Stop! I said stop! Relax, relax. I'm a police officer.
- Woman:** You are an asshole!
- Spooner:** Ma'am, is that your purse?
- Woman:** Of course, it's my purse! I left my inhaler at home. He was running it out to me.
- Spooner:** I saw a robot running with the purse, naturally, I assumed...
- Woman:** What? Are you crazy?
- Robot:** I'm sorry for this misunderstanding, officer.
- Woman:** Don't apologize. You're doing what you're supposed to be doing. But what are you doing?
- Spooner:** Have a lovely day, ma'am.
- Woman:** You're lucky I can't breathe or I'd walk all up and down your ass.
- Spooner:** Homicide. Spooner.
- Car:** Please take the next exit to your right.
- Building:** Welcome, Detective Spooner.
- Dr. Lanning:** Good to see you again, son.
- Spooner:** Is there something you want to say to me?
- Dr. Lanning:** I'm sorry. My responses are limited. You must ask the right questions.
- Spooner:** Why would you kill yourself?
- Dr. Lanning:** That, detective, is the right question. Program terminated.
- Spooner:** John, I need backup. I'm transmitting my location.
- Dr. Calvin:** You don't need backup.
- Spooner:** That's nobody. Over.
- Dr. Calvin:** What do you think you're doing?
- Spooner:** I'm driving.
- Dr. Calvin:** By hand?
- Spooner:** (Do) You see me on the phone?
- Dr. Calvin:** You can't be serious. Not at these speeds!
- Spooner:** John, please just send backup right—
- Dr. Calvin:** Listen, detective, that robot is not going to harm us. Now, there must have been unknown factors, but somehow acting as it did kept us out of harm's way. A robot simply cannot endanger a human being.
- Car:** Alert!
- Spooner:** Asshole!
- Dr. Calvin:** Which is more than I can say for you. It was a left, by the way, back there.
- Spooner:** You must know my ex-wife.

Answers

Part 3

1. What is Spooner eating? **Pie**
2. Why does Spooner chase the robot? **He thinks it stole a purse.**
3. Why is the robot running? **It is bringing an inhaler to the woman.**
4. What is Spooner's job? What department does Spooner work for? **Police officer (detective), Homicide**
5. How did the old man in the hologram die? **He killed himself.**
6. What does Spooner ask for on the phone while he is driving? **Backup**
7. Why is Dr. Calvin worried in the car? **Spooner starts driving by hand.**
8. What is Spooner's marital status? **Divorced**

Part 5

1. **[Get the hell out of my face]**, canner.
2. He was **[running it out]** to me.
3. That, detective, is the right question. Program **[terminated]**.
4. John, I need **[backup]**. I'm **[transmitting]** my location.
5. By hand? You **[can't be serious]**. Not at these speeds!
6. Now, **[there must have been]** unknown factors, but somehow acting as it did **[kept us out of harm's way]**.
7. **[You must know]** my ex-wife.

Part 6

1. Another robot politely apologizes to Spooner after he bumps into it.
2. Spooner starts [chasing/to chase] (after) a robot when he sees it running with a purse.
3. After Spooner tackles the robot, the robot apologizes to him.
4. The robot was running a woman's inhaler out to her because she (had) left it at home.
5. After Spooner gets out of his car, a robot arm picks it up and parks it.
6. Spooner enters the building and starts a conversation with a hologram of Dr. Lanning.
7. While (he is) driving, Spooner calls for backup and transmits his location.
8. Dr. Calvin insists (that) a robot could never endanger a human.
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9. Dr. Calvin is shocked when Spooner starts [driving/to drive] [his/the] car by hand.