

THEME 10 VALUES AND NORMS LISTENING SKILL (SPICE UP)

A. Listen to the talk show between the host and the humanoid robots, Sonia and Ian. Find out what they are talking about. (Tapescript 10.1)

B. Listen to the talk show again and choose the main idea of it. (Tapescript 10.1)

1. We should observe each culture and learn their social norms.
2. We need to shape societies with modern values by using artificial intelligence.
3. Robots can imitate human beings, but they cannot feel the same as them

C. Listen again and write true (T), false (F) or not stated (NS). (Tapescript 10.1)

1. Robots learn the rules of robotiquette to be able to contact better with humans.
2. Sonia and Ian seemed a little bit confused with the different social norms of each culture.
3. Both Japanese and Arabs bow to each other as a sign of greeting.
4. Neither Germans nor Brazilians use a fork and knife while eating.
5. In some countries, they didn't feel comfortable.

Tapescript 10.1

Host: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to our show “Amazing Technology.” Tonight, we are hosting two humanoid robots Sonia and Ian who travelled to four corners of the world to observe human values and lifestyles. Well, let’s start with Sonia. What was the purpose of this journey?

Sonia: You know with the advance of artificial intelligence, friendly human-robot interaction, which is called “Robotiquette” has gained importance, and we have to adapt ourselves to humans’ way of living and learn how to behave towards them.

Host: Can you say that it worked?

Ian: Yes, definitely, but at first, it sounded a bit strange to see each culture has different traditions. What is considered as polite in one country can be considered as rude behaviour in another one. This was very confusing for us.

Sonia: To be honest, these greeting customs are a little bit troublesome. I mean, in Japan, they bow to greet someone as a sign of respect, but in most European countries they kiss on the cheek two times though Swiss people do this three times. On the other hand, they touch noses in Arab countries.

Host: Did you enjoy this long journey despite its confusing parts?

Ian: Yes, definitely. Thanks to the hospitality of many people around the world, we were invited to their homes.

Sonia: Now, we have many friends on social media, but I must admit that, from time to time we had difficulty with table manners. In countries, such as India and Morocco, they use their right hand while eating whereas touching a meal is considered very impolite in Brazil.

Ian: They even use a fork and knife for a sandwich in Germany.

Host: Did you try chopsticks in Japan?

Sonia: Of course, we did, but when Ian started to play with them, they warned us that it was considered very rude. Ha ha!

Host: Well, it sounds that you collected a lot of information about humankind, which makes me a bit preoccupied.

Sonia: No worries! It’s true that we collected information about you, and most of your norms and values can be programmed in our chips, but only one value will take time or even won’t be able to be programmed at all.

Host: Hmm, what is it, then?

Sonia: It’s simple. Love. Loving nature, your family and friends. For no reason, it occurs and you can’t reset it.

Ian: For me, it’s a programming mistake of the human brain.

Sonia: Come on, Ian. Would you have tears in your eye cameras when you see a beautiful sunset?

Ian: I’m not sure I understand.