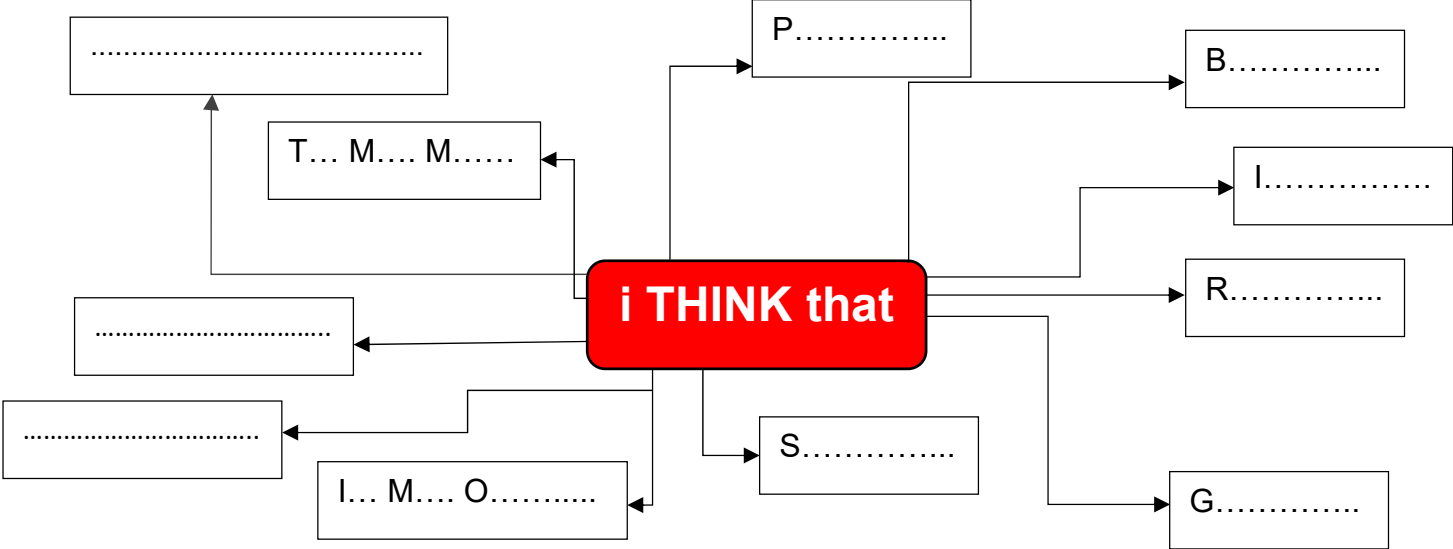


The ethical dilemma of driverless cars

VOCABULARY EXTENSION

1. Fill in the mind map with expressions for giving opinions. On the right, you need to put only verbs, while on the left you need to create whole phrases.



2. In pairs, express your opinion about these points (don't use the word **think**):

- Technology is supposed to bring us closer, but smartphones/social media prevent us from socializing in real life, thus making us more alone.
- Should companies be able to collect information about us?
- Is hard work the key to success or maybe it is a talent that's much more important?
- Photoshopped images promote unrealistic expectations of beauty and body image.
- Does Facebook need a 'dislike' button to give more options to express yourself?
- Money invested in space travel should be better invested in solving Earth's problems.



IDIOMS

3. Look at the following idioms and match them with their definitions:

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| A. take the rap | 1. facing a choice between two equally unpleasant options |
| B. on the fence | 2. a decision or choice that requires little or no thought, because the best option is so obvious |
| C. between a rock and a hard place | 3. be punished or blamed for something |
| D. choose the lesser of two evils | 4. choice between two equally(good/bad) options |
| E. a no-brainer | 5. opt for the less unpleasant of two poor options |
| F. a toss-up | 6. not having reached a decision yet |



4. Tell a 2-minute story where you:

- found yourself between a rock and a hard place.
- had to choose the lesser of two evils
- took the rap for somebody's mistakes
- were on the fence for a long time

VIDEO

5. Watch the video about the ethical dilemma of driverless cars and whenever it stops follow the instructions.

DISCUSSION

6. Below you will find 3 more cases of moral dilemmas. Choose one and discuss it in small groups. Try to use new vocabulary from this lesson (phrases + idioms).



The Robin Hood Robber

You witness a man rob a bank, but instead of keeping the money for himself, he donates it to a local orphanage. You know this orphanage has been struggling for funding, and this money will allow the children to receive proper food, clothing and medical care. If you report the crime, the money will be taken away from the orphanage and given back to the bank.

What should you do?

The Runaway Trolley

A runaway trolley is heading down the tracks toward five workmen who will be killed if the trolley proceeds on its present course. You are on a footbridge over the tracks, in between the approaching trolley and the five workmen. Next to you, there is a stranger who happens to be very large. If you do nothing the trolley will proceed, causing the deaths of the five workmen. The only way to save the lives of these workmen is to push this stranger off the bridge and onto the tracks below, where his large body will stop the trolley, causing his death.

Would you push the stranger onto the tracks in order to save the five workmen?

The Value of a Promise

A friend confides to you that he has committed a particular crime and you promise never to tell. Discovering that an innocent person has been accused of the crime, you plead with your friend to give himself up. He refuses and reminds you of your promise. What should you do? In general, under what conditions should promises be broken?

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