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## English Together

### The Fourth Industrial Revolution



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ሰላም! የተለያዩ ርእሰ ጉዳዮችን እያነሳን፣ እንዴት በእንግሊዘኛ እንደሚገለጹ ወደምንማርበት የ English Together ዝግጅት እንኳን በደህና መጡ። ምህረተሰላሴ እባላለሁ። አብረውኝ ደግሞ. . .

#### Sam

Hi, I'm Sam.

#### Tom

And I'm Tom. Hello everybody! Welcome to today's programme.

#### Sam

So, I heard a new term on the news today: the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Either of you know what that is?

#### Tom

I think that it has something to do with the internet and other technological breakthroughs.

#### ምህረተሰላሴ

Yes, Tom የሚያወራው ስለቴክኖሎጂ እመርታ 'technological breakthroughs' ነው፤ በዚህ ውስጥ የሚካተቱት አርቴፊሻል ኢንተለጅንስ በጭሩ 'AI' የሚባለው፣ ባለ ሰዓት አውታር ህትመት '3D printing' እና ያለ አሽከርካሪ የሚንቀሳቀሱ 'self-driving cars' ናቸው። ሌሎች ዓይነት እመርታዎችም አሉ፤ ለምሳሌ 'a scientific breakthrough' ሳይንሳዊ እመርታ ወይም 'a medical breakthrough' የህክምናዊ እመርታ ይጠቀሳሉ።

#### Sam

Oh, so it's about technological breakthroughs that will change the way we live our lives, basically.

#### Tom

Yes! I vaguely remember learning about the *first* Industrial Revolution when I was at school.

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And that's actually what today's quiz question is about. የ1700 የመጀመሪያው የኢንዱስትሪ አብዮት የእጅ ምርት ወደ ፋብሪካ የተሸጋገረበት ነበር። አብዮቱ የተጀመረው የት ነው?

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- ለ) በእንግሊዝ
- ሐ) በፈረንሳይ

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**Sam**

Interesting that the first Industrial Revolution started in one place, because it sounds like the Fourth Industrial Revolution is happening everywhere!

**ምህረተሰላሴ**

Yes! እንዲያውም አንድ የቴክኖሎጂ ሙያተኛ በቢቢሲ ዓለም አቀፍ አገልግሎት ላይ ስለ አራተኛው የኢንዱስትሪ አብዮት ሲያወሩ እናዳምጥ።

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A very important feature of, uhm, the Fourth Industrial Revolution is connectivity or connectedness, as you put it, eh. So anybody with a smartphone that basically allows them to be, uhm, online is really part of it. So we've seen recently, for example, what happens with social media, there's lots of data around every interaction that you're making on social media that's being collected and is being used to create a profile on you... so, really, whether we know it or not, very many of us are participating quite actively in the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

**Sam**

Wow, so if anyone with a smartphone is part of the revolution, this really is a global phenomenon.

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'A global phenomenon' ዓለም አቀፍ ክስተት ማለት ነው። Anyone with a smartphone or anyone with internet access!

**Tom**

And a social media account! They're all connected – I think one global phenomenon is helping the development of another.

**Sam**

It's a little scary, though, isn't it? There is one new wave of technological breakthroughs after another at the moment, but do we really know what consequences they're having?

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'A new wave of something' አንዳች አዲስ ነገር ማለት ነው። ይህንን ሐረግ የምንጠቀመው ስለአዲስ እንቅስቃሴ ወይም ንቅናቄ ለመግለፅ ነው። Like social media!

**Tom**

Yeah, I know what you mean, Sam. I think it takes a long time for consequences to become clear when there's a new wave of technological products coming into the world. But, generally, I think the consequences are positive.

**Sam**

I don't know! Five years ago, I didn't have a smartphone. Now I can't imagine life without it.

**Tom**

Yeah, exactly! So these new products are shaping the way we live our lives, usually for the better!

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**Sam**

So, the summary of today's programme is that technology is shaping the way we live our lives and we have no power to stop it.

**Tom**

But you do have some power, Sam, don't you? Do you want to stop it? I mean, you could stop using your smartphone, and social media, and the internet...

**Sam**

Ah, no, thank you!

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