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Palm reading: *The laser projection alone took three years to develop.*

Can it live up to the hype? The AI Pin will be released in the US on Thursday. Its inventors hope that it can end our addiction to screens.

What's happening?

Imran Chaudhri and Bethany Bongiorno are husband and wife. Together, they created the **AI Pin**. It weighs slightly less than a tennis ball and is made to be worn on clothing.

Tapping it allows you to talk to a virtual assistant which can answer questions, help you make phone calls or send texts. It uses a laser to project text and images on your hand.

It can also take photos and translate a conversation into another language as it takes place.

Find out more

Chaudhri and Bongiorno met when they worked at Apple. Together they set up a company called Humane. Creating the AI Pin took five years and cost £195m.

Many other tech companies have been looking for something to take over from the smartphone. Some have tried headsets. But, says Chaudhri, "The future is not on your face."²

He wanted to create something which was as useful as an iPhone but less **addictive**. It would work for you without the temptation to follow a link or swipe to see another TikTok video.

The AI Pin costs £570 plus a £20 monthly subscription.

"To outsiders, it's a sci-fi fantasy," says one reporter. But many in the world of tech are very excited.

Can it live up to the hype?

Some say

Yes! Chaudhri and Bongiorno have spent many years working in tech. They would not be releasing the AI Pin if they did not think it would work.

Some people say

"The greatest invention in the world is the mind of a child."

**Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931),
American inventor**

What do you think?

Others think

No! When it was asked a question at its launch, the AI Pin got the answer wrong. People are not ready to give up their smartphones for the AI Pin.

Six steps to discovery

1. Connect

How do you feel about this story? - Would you like to own an AI Pin?

2. Wonder

What questions do you have? - For example: Why does the AI Pin cost so much?

3. Investigate

What are the facts? - Pick out one thing we know for certain and one thing we cannot say for sure from this story.

4. Construct

What is your point of view? - You are given £570 to spend either on an AI Pin or on a smartphone. Think about what you would say.

5. Express

What do others believe? - What is the most useful thing an AI Pin could do? Take it in turns to say.

6. Reflect

What might happen next? - Imagine that you are given an AI Pin that does the opposite of everything you ask it. Write a diary entry about it.

Glossary

AI - A computer programme that has been designed to think.

Addictive - So enjoyable that you do not want to stop.