

Apple to launch phone that can think for us

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Next generation: Apple's AI devices will be sold in the USA this autumn and in Europe in 2025.

Will it make our lives better? Apple says its new AI programme will make our lives easier. let us use But some worry it will steal our privacy and control us instead.

What's happening?

We are in the middle of an **artificial intelligence** boom. Yet one company seems strangely behind the times: Apple.

No longer. Apple has launched Apple Intelligence: a new AI programme that will live inside the next iPhones.

Too many TikTok notifications? Apple Intelligence will put the important ones on top. Hundreds of messages on your group chat? Apple Intelligence will neatly **summarise** them. Unsure how to tell a friend you cannot see them? Apple Intelligence can find the perfect reply.

Find out more

Some are pleased. They think Apple Intelligence will save time and make your life easier. Unlike other AI systems, Apple Intelligence will be part of your phone. It will give suggestions based on what it learns about you from your contacts, calendar, messages, browsing habits and more.

But others think this is not a good thing.

Phones will choose what we see, read and hear. They will shape how we remember things. This could take away our sense of self.

Others worry about security, and whether personal data will always be safe.

Still more warn that AI could be an even bigger threat. AI engineers have begun talking of p(doom): the probability that an AI destroy humanity.

Will it make our lives better?

Some say

Yes! Life is full of small, annoying tasks. The more of these that AI can do for us, the more time we will have to live for ourselves. It is no different from any other tool.

Others think

No! Humans are good at solving problems. In fact, we need to. If AI takes care of everything for us, our brains will rot.

Some people say

"Idealists foolish enough to throw caution to the winds have advanced mankind and have enriched the world."

Emma Goldman (1869 – 1940), Russian-American anarchist

What do you think?

Six steps to discovery

1. Connect

How do you feel about this story? - Are you excited or worried about AI? Why?

2. Wonder

What questions do you have? - For example: How long has AI been part of our lives?

3. Investigate

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

4. Construct

What is your point of view? - You are offered a new AI-powered iPhone. Would you take it?

5. Express

What do others believe? - Do you think AI is good for our brains? Discuss as a class.

6. Reflect

What might happen next? - Design a new AI-powered device that makes a simple improvement to daily lives.

Glossary

Artificial Intelligence - Artificial intelligence, or "AI," is the ability for a computer to think and learn. With AI, computers can perform tasks that are typically done by people, including processing language, problem-solving, and learning.

Summarise - Give you the key points.