

CORSO: Terzo operatore grafico

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Lezione del 09/03/20

Argomento: Reading and comprehension Traduzione linguaggio tecnico-settoriale.

Compiti da svolgere: Leggere, tradurre il brano e rispondere alle domande scegliendo la risposta esatta.

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Computers are machines that can help us in many ways. But they cannot think or do things on their own. Humans have to feed them with information and tell them what to do with it. They cannot come up with any new information. But they can save much time and work. For example, all the information and the office files can be stored in a computer's "memory". If a clerk were to trace any information from a particular file, the computer would only take seconds to find it. It would take a clerk days or even weeks to go through every file if no computers were used.

The first computers were huge and costly. They filled up almost the whole floor of large offices. Later, because of the usefulness and demand for computers in business, scientists soon found ways to produce cheaper and smaller computers. They invented chips which made it possible to store more information in less space.

Today, computers are not only cheaper, but also *more compact*. They can just be placed on top of an ordinary writing table. They can even be carried from place to place easily. Computers are not only used in offices by companies, but they are also used at home, by families who can afford them.

Robots, on the other hand, are not mechanical people. They are only moving parts controlled by a computer. A robot can do the same work for twenty four hours, and yet, it does not complain or get tired. In the United States robots are computers that tell them where to guard and what to do.

These robots are programmed to listen for certain noises and signals for help in case of trouble or danger.

In Japan and in some places in America, robots are used in factories to assemble cars. As computers become more common businesses and factories, people fear that one day computers and computer controlled robots will put human workers out of work.

1. Why do humans have to feed the computers with information and tell them what to do ?

- (A) Because computers can save time and work.
- (B) Because computers cannot think or do things on their own.
- (C) Because computers can store office information in their memory.
- (D) Because computers can help us in many ways.

2. Why did the first computers fill up almost the whole floor ?

- (A) Because they were huge and costly.
- (B) because of the usefulness and demand for computers in businesses.
- (C) Because the office floor was small.
- (D) Because they were huge.

3. Find a word in the passage that has the same meaning as *more compact*.

- (A) Huge
- (B) Cheaper
- (C) Smaller
- (D) Costly

4. Which of the following statements is **NOT TRUE** ?

- (A) Robots are controlled by a computer.
- (B) Robots are mechanical people.
- (C) Robots do not get tired of working.
- (D) Robots guard factories and museums in the United States.

5. Humans fear that one day computers and robots

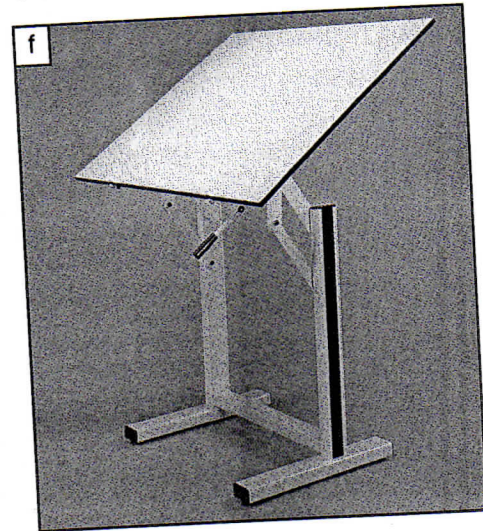
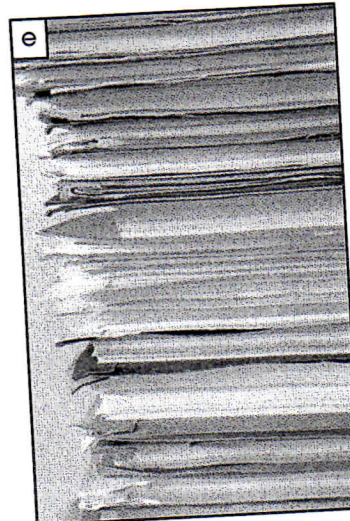
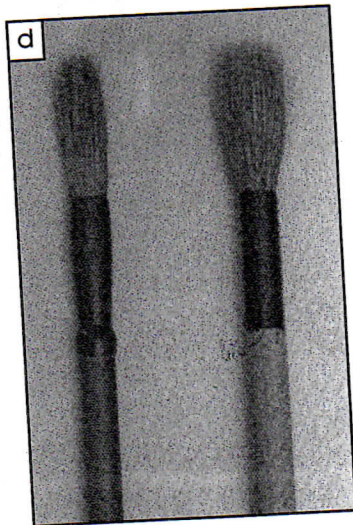
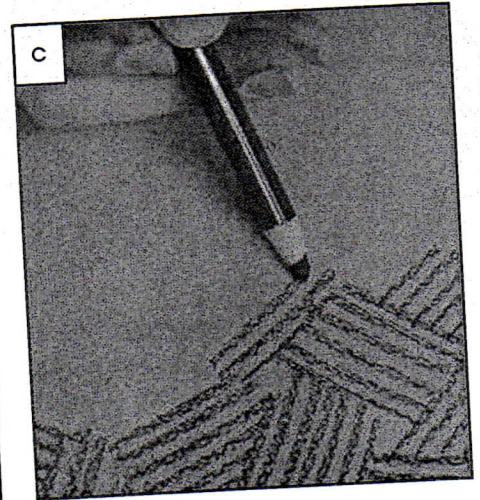
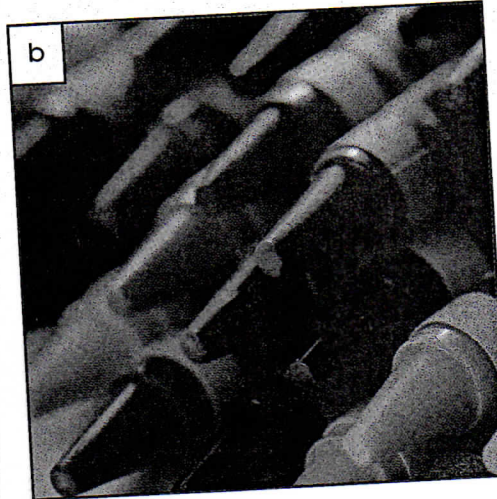
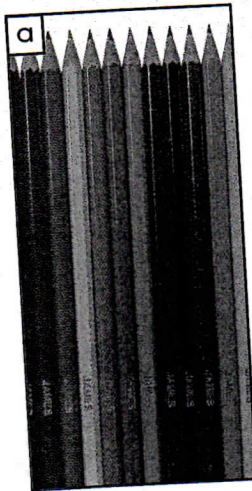
- (A) are busier than humans.
- (B) are cleverer than humans.
- (C) will make humans jobless.
- (D) will make humans listen to certain noise.

6. The **BEST** title for this passage would be

- (A) Computers and Robots
- (B) Old and New Computers
- (C) Robots are Security Guards
- (D) The Electronic Invention

6 MATCH Match each of the following words or expressions with the appropriate picture.

- 1 drawing board
- 2 pencils
- 3 crayons
- 4 charcoal
- 5 brushes
- 6 paper

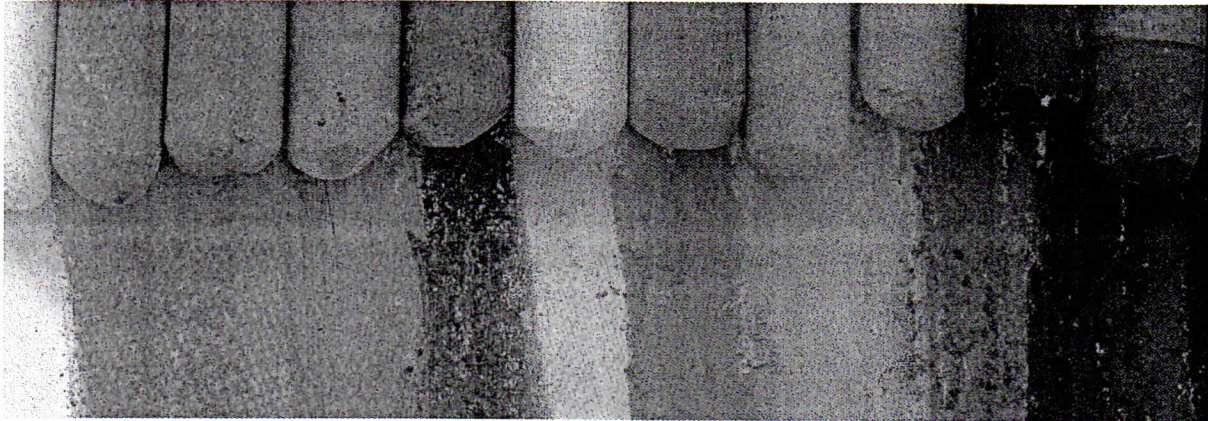


7 COMPLETE Complete the following sentences using the verbs given.

to help • to improve • to disappear • to achieve • to reproduce • to remember

- 1 to keep your equipment in good order and clean.
- 2 Computer programs may you a lot.
- 3 With the appropriate equipment you can very good results.
- 4 The advent of new technologies has made many of the traditional tools
- 5 The use of the appropriate equipment will greatly contribute to the quality of your designs.
- 6 With a scanner you can your designs.

● The Equipment




All graphic designers need a wide choice of the best possible quality **equipment** to help them meet their **deadlines**. The work also has to be of the best quality and of **high standards** to meet the needs of today's market.

This equipment includes a wide range of tools which have not changed since their invention. Others have been **improved upon** and **incorporated** into the latest technology. Many tools have changed and some results can now be electronically **achieved** by using a computer.

Unfortunately, because of this, many traditional **tools** are disappearing from the stores. While computer programs easily reproduce the same methods, often more efficiently and with more exact results, it is still important to remember the original tools.

All graphic designers need basic equipment which should be kept in good working order and clean. The basic equipment should include a good **drawing board**. Along with the table, it is essential that the work place have good lighting and suitable measuring equipment (a millimetre and inch **type scale** and a steel straight edge). Drawing equipment should include pencils, **crayons**, **charcoal**, brushes and plenty of paper. All materials should be cost-effective.

5  **CHOOSE** Are these sentences true or false? Change them if they are false.

	True	False
1 Graphic artists can use low-quality equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Most graphic tools have changed since their invention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Computers have made some graphic results much more exact.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Graphic designers need a drawing board to work well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Basic equipment need not be kept clean.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 The appropriate measuring equipment is important to the graphic artist.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Materials should be economical.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GLOSSARY

- equipment: the special things needed for a purpose
- deadlines: the latest time by which something must be done or finished
- high standards: superior level
- improve upon: to make better
- incorporate: to include
- achieve: to gain
- tool: an instrument used to facilitate work
- drawing board: a table which can be placed horizontally or at a diagonal and used for drawing or designing
- type scale: a rule marked with a scale of line measurements in varying increments of point size
- crayon: a small stick of coloured wax used for drawing
- charcoal: a drawing pencil or crayon made from a hard black substance similar to coal