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Text:	<p>A recent conversation was about the differing approach to development of self-driving vehicles. Tesla has been in the news for varying reasons in recent times including for self-driving vehicle incidents resulting in death. In the UK, a driver was prosecuted for sitting in the passenger seat after switching his vehicle to self-drive mode on a stretch of motorway.</p> <p>Tesla's approach is all about assisted driving where the driver's hands remain on the wheel. The Google approach to such vehicles, though, has been 'all or nothing'; only vehicles that are fully automated, thus requiring no input from the driver. If they aren't completely safe, they won't be allowed to set out on public roads.</p> <p>The difference is clear, but in the real world, it is understandable that some people would want to stretch Tesla's limitations, whether out of brave curiosity or blind belief.</p> <p>We know that human driver error would most likely be the cause of any accidents between automated vehicles and those driven by humans.</p> <p>Automated vehicles are only ever going to drive at safe distances from other objects and within legal limits of speed, height/width and distance and react quickly to potential danger by braking. The culture among human drivers, however, is to make those same judgements based on experience and also the probability of a dangerous event, whether it is the person who is standing on the edge of the kerb or a narrow road in which two cars could pass with care. The two may conflict in such situations with the automated vehicle braking, but the human driver likely to continue.</p>
Discussion:	<p>Would you trust a self-driving car enough to let go of the controls? Would you be prepared to sit alone in the passenger seat of a fully automated vehicle?</p>
Words and usage:	<p>Automate The process of changing an operation from manual to machine completion. This typically happens in a manufacturing environment where people are replaced in whole or part by machines capable of repeating the same function.</p>
Resources:	<p>https://translate.weblio.jp Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</p>
Practice idea:	<p>How could automation help your work or home life? Write about some possibilities plus the overall advantages and disadvantages.</p>
Listening link:	<p>All or Nothing - audio link</p> 

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