

GAP FILLING

Digital teacher

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This summer, Georgia Tech, a university in Atlanta in the US, deployed a teaching assistant called Jill Watson 1)_____ one of its postgraduate courses. Except that Jill Watson was really a robot, who helped students and answered their questions in an online forum, 2)_____ revealing her cyber-identity.

The only thing that students noticed was that Jill Watson answered questions and provided feedback much more quickly than other teaching assistants.

Dr Besold, from Bremen University, said 3)_____ robotic teachers were becoming increasingly sophisticated and had advantages 4)_____ human teachers. They were always ready to respond, they were never bored, tired or distracted. But such clever computers 5)_____ also be stupid.

While they could be trained to operate 6)_____ a particular task or set of questions, they couldn't easily adapt that knowledge to a different setting. For example, Dr Besold said a human who was good at chess would be 7)_____ to be able to play draughts; while a chess computer would struggle, 8)_____ it had been specifically programmed.

Answer key

1. FOR
2. WITHOUT
3. SUCH
4. OVER
5. COULD / MIGHT /MAY
6. FOR
7. LIKELY
8. UNLESS