BBC LEARNING ENGLISH Media English 媒体英语 Machines to 'do half of all work tasks by 2025'



世界经济论坛预测到 2025 年半数工作将由机器完成

世界经济论坛(World Economic Forum)的一份报告预测,到 2025 年,全球一半的工作任务将由机器完成,这一转变很可能会加剧不平等。世界经济论坛智囊团表示,一场"机器人革命"将在全球创造 9700 万个就业机会,但同时几乎也会摧毁同样多的就业机会,使一些社区群体面临失业风险。

The World Economic Forum's report has some **striking** findings, both on how we will work in the future, and on how technology will affect the numbers and types of jobs available.

这份世界经济论坛报告得出了一些惊人的发现,既涉及我们未来的工作方式,也涉及技术将如何影响就业数量和类型。

It also found evidence that these changes are likely to be more **rapid** because of the **pandemic**. Globally, it predicts that machines will **displace** 85 million jobs by 2025, but more new roles – 97 million – are likely to **emerge**.

报告中还发现有证据表明,由于受新冠肺炎疫情的影响,这些变化可能会更加迅速。 报告预测,到 2025 年,全球范围内,机器将取代 8500 万个工作岗位,但同时可能 会出现 9700 万个新岗位。

But in the present, the report says millions of workers have already experienced profound changes which have hit **disadvantaged** people with greater **ferocity**. In two months, the pandemic destroyed more jobs than the financial crisis did in two years.

但报告称,目前数百万劳动者已经经历了极大的工作变化,这些变化对弱势群体的打击更凶猛。新冠肺炎疫情在两个月内摧毁的就业机会比经济危机在两年内摧毁的就业机会还要多。

The report says there will be opportunities in what it describes as 'new **professions**'. These are not **confined to** technology. Several reflect what it calls the 'continuing importance of human **interaction**', such as care, marketing, and culture.

该报告称,所谓的新职业将带来就业机会。这些就业机会并不局限于技术领域。其中一些新职业反映了人类之间相互交流的持续重要性,如护理、营销和文化领域的工作。

1. 词汇表

striking	惊人的,引人注目的
rapid	迅速的
pandemic	全球性流行病
displace	取代,代替
emerge	出现
disadvantaged	处于劣势的
ferocity	残酷,猛烈
professions	职业
confined to	局限于
interaction	互动,交流

- 2. 阅读理解:请在读完上文后,回答下列问题。(答案见下页)
- 1. True or false? The World Economic Forum's report predicts that while machines will complete many jobs by 2025, new roles are likely to emerge.
- 2. According to the report, why are the changes to work likely to be more rapid?
- 3. What group of people have experienced the most drastic changes to their jobs, according to the report?
- 4. According to the text, what are some of the new professions that 'reflect the continuing importance of human interaction'?

3. 答案

1. True or false? The World Economic Forum's report predicts that while machines will complete many jobs by 2025, new roles are likely to emerge.

True. The report predicts that, globally, machines will displace 85 million jobs by 2025, but more new roles – 97 million – are likely to emerge.

2. According to the report, why are the changes to work likely to be more rapid?

They are likely to be more rapid because of the pandemic.

3. What group of people have experienced the most drastic changes to their jobs, according to the report?

Disadvantaged people.

4. According to the text, what are some of the new professions that 'reflect the continuing importance of human interaction'?

Examples of these new professions are care, marketing, and culture.