

Giving Examples

Learn different expressions to refer to examples.

Preparation

Match the words with the definitions.

inevitably	to get control of something
logging	unavoidably
to take over	using technology to perform tasks with minimal human intervention
to convince	someone believing that good things will happen
automation	the process of cutting, processing, and moving trees to a location for transport
optimist	to make someone certain

Reading Text

Automation is inevitably going to be a feature of most workplaces. Machines are increasingly taking over dangerous jobs in industries **such as** mining and logging. They're already making jobs easier in industries that require a lot of manual labor, **namely** manufacturing and farming. They are also starting to appear in the service industry, helping employees deal with customers in, **for instance**, hotels and airports.

Right now, automation feels good, helpful. But machines are moving from assisting humans to replacing them. **Take, for example**, jobs that consist of repetitive, heavy tasks - loading trucks, stocking shelves in stores, waiting tables in restaurants, **just to name a few**. What will human workers do when machines take over all those jobs?

Optimists say that new jobs will replace these old jobs, that machines will never be as creative and innovative as people, and that the human touch cannot be replaced. I'm not convinced. I see the growth of automation as a direct threat to employment. We should prepare ourselves to face a world without work.

Tips

In informal writing and speaking, **like** can also introduce examples:

*I use my virtual assistant for stuff **like** reminders, shopping lists, looking something up online, playing music.*