

## Chinese Robots Serve Food

### Vocabulary

1. **Route** - the way to go from one place to another

Sample sentence: Another route is to speed up the quest for other energy reserves.

2. **Implemented** - To make something such as an idea, plan, system, or law to happen and be used.

Sample sentence: The agreement was signed, but its recommendations were never implemented.

3. **Concept** - An idea.

Sample sentence: A new concept in fast food.

4. **Approach** - To get closer or near something

Sample sentence: The children were told not to approach the lion's cage.

5. **Supplement** - To add something extra in order to improve something or make it bigger.

Sample sentence: He supplemented a glossary to his novel where he used an invented language.

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### Let's read

In Jinan, a city in northern China, a new restaurant has robots for waitresses. In this new, strange way, six robots serve 100 meals for the evening.

The restaurant has 21 tables that are arranged circularly, so that the robots follow a fixed route when they serve visitors.

After that they return to the kitchen to fill the trays for the next round. Of course, human chefs are preparing the food, and there are employees whose job is to explain to the visitors how the service at the restaurant works.

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The idea was implemented by the "Shandong Dalu Science and Technology" company, which already has a plan to further develop this concept: "The next step is to create robots that can climb stairs and help in the kitchen with dish washing and similar jobs. Also, the waitresses will be improved so that they can directly approach the particular table or even to supplement the plates or glasses," said the company spokesman Zhang Jongpei.

### Discussion A

1. Do you like to eat at fast food restaurants?
2. What is your opinion about this article?

### Discussion B

1. What do you think robots should be used for?
2. Do you think robots will cause unemployment (loss of jobs) in the future or make more work? Why?
3. Do you think technological advances are always good? Or can they sometimes be bad and harmful?