The Trust Meter

We trust technology with all kinds of things - from turning on the lights to flying airplanes. But trust isn't automatic. Some situations feel safe to hand over to AI; others feel way too personal or risky. In this activity, you'll read several short scenarios involving artificial intelligence in everyday life (and maybe the future). For each one, rate how much you'd trust the AI on a scale from 1 to 10 - where 1 = "No way, not a chance" and 10 = "Totally, I'd trust it completely." Then explain why you gave that score, using your reasoning, experiences, or evidence you've learned about technology.

1. The Al Babysitter - An Al robot claims it can safely watch young kids, play games, monitor their health, and alert parents if anything goes wrong. It says it has never made a safety error in 1,000 hours of testing.

Your Trust Score (1-10) _____ Why?

2. The Al Pilot - A commercial airline introduces a fully autonomous jet. It's completed thousands of flights without a single crash, but there's no human pilot on board - only Al.

Your Trust Score (1-10) _____ Why?

3. The Al Artist - A museum exhibits paintings, poems, and songs all made by Al. Critics call them "beautiful but soulless." Would you trust Al to create meaningful art that represents human emotion?

Your Trust Score (1-10) _____ Why?

4. The Al Therapist - A mental health app claims to "listen like a friend and respond like a psychologist." It uses emotional data to give personalized coping strategies - but it's not a real human.

Your Trust Score (1-10) _____ Why?

5. The Al Judge - Courts test an algorithm that predicts how likely someone is to break the law again, to help judges make fairer sentencing decisions. Supporters say it's unbiased; critics say it's too cold and data-driven.

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