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Will AI enhance or replace human potential?

◆ Topic Overview

Artificial Intelligence is no longer a futuristic concept—it's already part of our lives. From healthcare and education to art and customer service, AI is increasingly becoming a tool to assist human decision-making.
But with this partnership comes a major question: will AI remain a supportive tool or gradually take over human roles? As we move into a future of deeper collaboration between humans and machines, we must consider how this relationship will impact our jobs, creativity, and decision-making power.

Will AI make us more capable, or more dependent?

◆ Key Vocabulary

Augmented Intelligence

Definition: AI designed to enhance, not replace, human capabilities.
Example Sentence: Doctors are beginning to use augmented intelligence to improve diagnoses

Technological Displacement

Definition: The loss of jobs caused by automation or emerging technologies.
Example Sentence: Many factory workers fear technological displacement due to AI.

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◆ **Discussion Questions**

① In which fields do you think AI will be most useful as a partner to humans?

② What human qualities do you think AI will never be able to replicate?

③ Should governments regulate how much AI is allowed to replace human workers?

④ Would you feel comfortable working with an AI partner or supervisor?

◆ **Idioms & Phrases**

✓ "a double-edged sword" – Something that has both positive and negative consequences.

Example: Fame can be a double-edged sword; it brings attention, but takes away privacy.
(유명세는 관심을 얻는 동시에 사생활을 잃게 만들어. 양날의 검처럼 말이야.)

✓ "level the playing field" – To make a situation fair for everyone involved.

Example: Technology can level the playing field between small startups and large corporations.
(기술은 작은 스타트업과 대기업 사이의 격차를 줄여줄 수 있어.)

◆ **Mini Debate**

Statement: "Artificial Intelligence will eventually outperform and replace most human jobs."

Do you agree or disagree? Prepare arguments and counterpoints.