

ARMUGHON AND SHODMEHR, TAJIKISTAN

TEACHING NOTES

A FEW WORDS

Access Scholarship Program: An English language learning program sponsored by US embassies.

SOME QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR WRITING

1. Armughon and Shodmehr have positive opinions about how we will use AI in the future. Do you think all the effects of AI will be positive or do you think there will also be negative effects? Why?
2. Armughon says “Together we can make the world a kinder place.” What specific ideas do you have for making the world a kinder place?
3. Do you think your life has a healthy balance between study, other commitments (such as sports training) and time with friends? If not, what makes it difficult for you to keep your schedule balanced?

TRANSCRIPT NOTES, TEXTBOOK ENGLISH

No one anywhere in the world speaks “perfect textbook English” at all times. We certainly do not want to demand that our students use only “perfect textbook English.” These notes are provided to help you if your students ask questions about some small points of usage.

Shodmehr: Hello

Armughon: Hi. What have you been doing this week?

Shodmehr: This week I have **been** studying in the ACCESS Scholarship program and also going to my Chinese course. I really like sports too, and I’m very proud of my progress in training and studying. Sometimes I read about business, but honestly, I don’t meet my friends very often.

And what about you? How do you think AI helps people today?

Armughon: AI helps people by making information easy to find. It translates all languages, gives advice, and even helps with studying. Doctors also use AI to detect diseases faster.

How do you think AI will change the future of education?

Shadmehr: Yes, AI will make learning more personal for each student. It can give exercises that match your level, and students can study anytime using AI tools.

And how do you imagine the world with AI in 20 years?

Armughon: Hmm, I imagine robots helping in homes and schools. But AI will make transport safer and faster. Maybe people will work less and have more free time.

Do you think AI can be smarter than humans?

Shadmehr: Well, AI can be faster at solving problems and remembering information. But humans have creativity, emotions, and moral values. So AI might be faster and smart, but humans have emotions, creativity, and moral values, so AI might be smart, but people will be will always be unique. **Sometimes when we are speaking in a formal situation we feel stress and this may cause us to repeat ourselves or to have trouble saying something.**

And is there anything you'd like to say to kids in other countries?

Armughon: Yes! I would like to say that we're all connected, even if we live far away. We should learn from each other and share our cultures. Together, we can make the world a kinder place.