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Kelly bets against robot basketball by 2040

Kevin Kelly, writing on The Technium, describes a bet he made with Craig Mod over whether robots will play basketball better than humans by 2040, with the loser buying a round of gelato. Kelly argues that although he is "incredibly optimistic" about AI and expects it to speed up robotics, the near-term obstacle is packing enough power and compute into a mobile machine that can run for hours, since human bodies are far more efficient.

Sellers of books, printables, and print-on-demand goods can turn that argument into a quiz or trivia printable about machine efficiency versus the human body. A one-page worksheet titled How Many Watts Does a Human Use could pair simple wattage comparisons with a short answer key, aimed at homeschool parents and science teachers looking for a quick classroom warm-up.

Source: The Technium, Robot Basketball
https://kk.org/thetechnium/robot-basketball/