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# CRITICAL THINKING NOODLER



## Pros and Cons

*News from Thursday, December 14th*

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Last month, nearly 2 million Tesla cars were recalled in the United States. U.S. safety regulators took them off the road after an investigation into nearly 1,000 crashes involving self-driving Tesla vehicles. They found that the Autopilot system, which can automatically steer, brake, and accelerate, gave drivers a false sense of security. At least one crash occurred when the driver was sitting in the backseat! As a result of the recall, Tesla will install more warning systems, but some safety experts believe even more changes are needed.

What are the pros and cons of allowing cars with driverless technology on the road? Write a list of at least two benefits of driverless cars and at least two downsides. Then, share your opinion: should driverless cars be allowed on the road?

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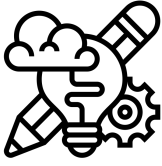
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## Design It!

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One of the world's most respected spy agencies, the United Kingdom's GCHQ, put out its "secret code" challenge for kids last month. As part of an annual tradition, the intelligence organization included seven complex puzzles in its annual Christmas card. This year's puzzles, targeted toward kids aged 11 - 18, are said to be the toughest yet.

Design a puzzle challenge for your friends and family! In the space below, create a puzzle or series of puzzles for them to solve. Your puzzles could include numbers, words, or symbols. Be sure to have the answers ready for your puzzlers to check!

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