

Drones

Questions and Answers

Red = Students' Answers
Blue = Miguel's Answers

1. What springs to mind when you hear the word “drone?”

I think of a little machine. I think of a machine with four propellers. I think of taking pictures, photos, and videos. I think of filming and exploring. I think of war.



Personally, I when I hear the word “drone” I think of a machine that is controlled by a human somewhere else. I think of drones as tools for filming / photography, but also for surveillance and war.

2. What does the word 'drone' mean?

A drone is a machine. A drone is a machine that you can control. A drone is a machine, but it is not an A.I. A drone is a robot that can do some things.

Similarly, I believe a drone is a machine that follows the input / programming of its creator and user. A drone cannot develop full A.I. as that would define it to be something else. If a drop develops complete sentience, then it will no longer be a drone.

3. What do you think might be fun about flying a drone?

A drone can take photos. A drone can go to places where I cannot. A drone can explore. It might be fun to fly around the city. It would be fun to go somewhere high.

I believe that being able to vicariously experience flight may be fun. I think it would be interesting to wear goggles that allow the user to see through the eyes of a drone and vicariously experience the feeling of flying. I also believe it would be fun to take photos and film with a drone.

4. What would like to do with a drone if you had one?

I would like to take the drone somewhere high. I would like to take photos with the drone, maybe film some videos as well. I would like to use a drone to fly and explore places.

If I had a drone I would like to use it film videos and take many photos. I believe that I would personally prefer to use the drone in nature / the countryside as it would allow me to fully appreciate the breathtaking quality of nature.

5. Do you think drones are here to stay?

Yes. Yes, and drones will be used more often.

Yes, drones will only continue to become more practical, useful, and intelligent.

6. Do you think drones are toys?

Maybe some small drones are. If a drone is of a certain size then yes it can be a toy. No, I don't think so. Yes, it can be. No, a drone is too powerful.

No, I believe that the priorities of a drone are to improve human lives. I believe that a drone can be fun to use, but ultimately, they are too useful and their potential is far too great to be considered a toy.

7. What videos have you seen of people flying drones?

I have seen some videos from the perspective / point of view of a drone. I have seen videos of mountains and nature from drones. I have seen movies shot from a drone.

Yes, I have seen a few videos of people flying drones. However, I cannot recall any of them being particularly noteworthy or all too interesting.

8. How useful might drones be in a war?

A drone can be used to see the enemy. A drone can be used as a scout. A drone can be used in war instead of soldiers. A drone can be used from a distance while keeping other soldiers away from harm. A drone can reach places that other soldiers cannot.

A drone is instrumental during war / conflict. A drone can be used while soldiers are at great distance, meaning that they can be safe from harm. The use of drones in war / conflict raises ethical questions, however, it is a benefit if it means keeping our soldiers safer.

9. How safe are drones?

A drone can be safe. If the user knows how to fly the drone, then the drone is safe. Maybe the small drones are safe, but the bigger drones are not. I think that drones are mostly safe.

Drones are mostly safe however they always have the potential to do some damage / harm as they are ultimately mildly hazardous tools.

10. What have you read about drones nearly hitting airplanes?

No, I haven't heard anything about that. No, but I think I heard somethings about drones flying close to an airport.

I believe that I have read headlines relating to drones and airplanes (as well as airports) but I do not remember the specifics of such reports. Of what I do remember, I remember hearing about drones interfering with airport signals, thus causing a drone ban from all airports. This was around 2013, a time when drones were beginning to become more and more popular.

11. Do you think people should have a license to fly drones?

No, I don't think that is necessary. Maybe. I think that if people need a license then maybe the more enthusiastic people will continue to use drones while the less enthusiastic users maybe will disappear.

I do not think it would be such a terrible idea to have a short course so that drone users may all have some kind of training, however, I also believe that such a thing may not end up having all that much of an effect on drones and the people who use them.

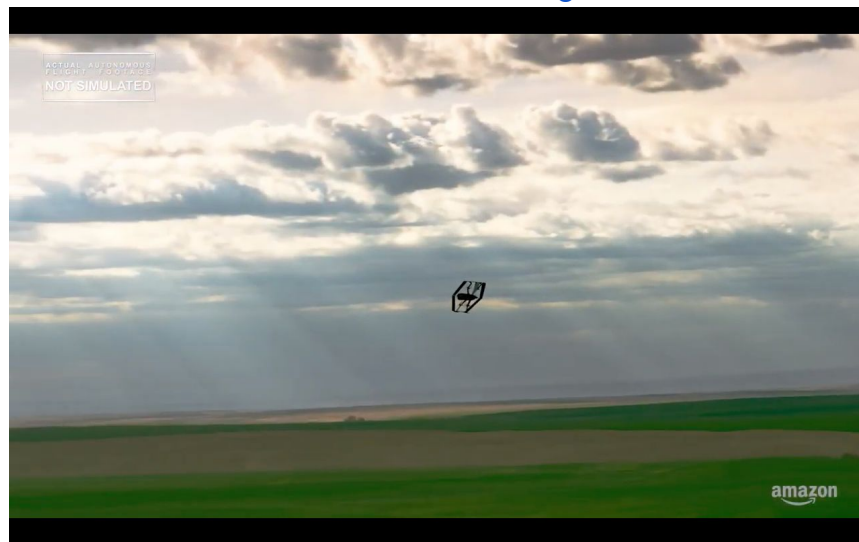
12. How will drones change the delivery of shopping in the future?

Drones can help deliver packages. Maybe drones can help deliver packages faster. Maybe Amazon will use drones in the future. Maybe we will look up at the sky and see many drones flying. It might be limited however as the size and weight of the package can make it difficult for the drone.

[Amazon Fake Drone Delivery Blimp](#)



[Real Amazon Test Flight](#)



I believe that a company such as Amazon will adopt the use of drone for their delivery service in the near future. I believe such a thing is inevitable. Whatever hindrances and problems the company may have now, eventually they will overcome them. It is inevitable. Perhaps it will make it so that a package will be delivered within the day if not within the hour.

13. If you had a drone, what would you like to film or take pictures of?

I would like to take pictures of nature. I would like to take photos of the beach and the sea. I would like to take pictures of places I cannot usually go, such as the mountains. I would like to take photos of the city, I would like to fly to the top of the city and take photos from the sky.

Personally, I would like to take photos of nature / the countryside. I would like to take wide landscape shots of remote and peaceful locations such as a dense forest or a wide open plain. Conversely, some busy urban city shoot may be cool as well.

14. What do you think the future holds for drones?

I think that drones will continue to evolve and become more useful, but I do not think that drones will evolve into Artificial Intelligence. I think that drones will continue to become more useful and practical, I think that they will help us when we need help. Maybe we will use drones more in war.

I believe that drones will become more and more useful as time goes on. Drones will become more practical, intelligent, and perhaps autonomous. However, I do not believe that they will ever become sentient. While I believe in the possibility of an A.I., I believe that if such a thing were to happen then the drone would be considered something else. In other words, it would no longer be considered a drone. I believe that drones will be used in greater effect in cinema, delivery companies search and rescue operations, with the police, and with the military.

15. Should drones be banned?

No, I do not think that drones should be banned. Maybe drones can have regulations but no, I do not think that drones that should be banned.

No, I believe that the banning of drones would simply be holding back our potentially. However, I do believe that regulations on the average individual may be necessary, for the safety of all. For example, regulations on individuals flying within a busy city or nearby an airport are necessary.

16. What should the age limit be for people to fly drones?

Maybe around 12 years old should be the limit. Maybe 7-8 should be a limit. Maybe 14 years old. No, I do not think that there should be an age limit. As long as the child is responsible, then they should be allowed to fly a drone. The age should not matter.

I believe that if a young child is passionate enough, then they should not be hindered. A young and determined child may fly a drone better than an uncaring adult. However, it does not change the fact that most would be considered to see a child fly a drone. I do not believe an age limit is necessary, yet a parent should always be monitoring a child and always be read to take control if needed.

Additional Video:

[How Drones Are Used in Our Favorite Movies](#)

Skyfall (2012)
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Columbia Pictures



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