

6 Automated systems – Part 1

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Vocabulary

Write each word three times.

English

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automated system

sensor

microprocessor

actuator

feedback

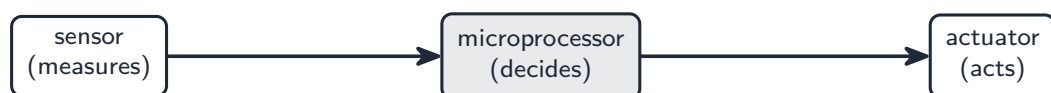
Recall

An **automated system** does a job by itself, with no person controlling it.

New ideas

Read these first, then do the Practice.

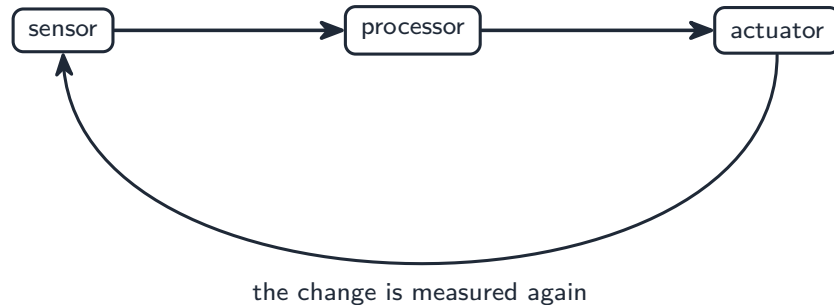
■ 1 Sensor, processor, actuator



- a **sensor** measures something (e.g. temperature);
- the **microprocessor** decides what to do;
- an **actuator** carries out the action (e.g. a motor).

■ 2 Feedback

The action changes the world, and the sensor measures it again – this is **feedback** :



For example, a thermostat keeps a room at a set temperature.

Watch out: the order is always **sensor** → **microprocessor** → **actuator** – the sensor *measures*, the processor *decides*, the actuator *acts*. **Feedback** means the sensor re-measures the result so the system can adjust.

Practice

Try these in order.

6.1 What is an *automated system*? [1]

6.2 What is the job of a sensor? [1]

6.3 What is the job of an actuator? [1]

6.4 Put these in order: actuator, sensor, microprocessor. [2]

6.5 What is *feedback* in a control system? [1]

6.6 Challenge. A thermostat keeps a room at 20 °C. Describe the role of the sensor, the microprocessor and the actuator in keeping the temperature steady. [3]