

‘I’m sorry Dave, I’m afraid I can’t do this’

Watch this extract from **Space Odyssey 2001** by Stanley Kubrik and answer the questions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARJ8cAGm6JE>

Vocabulary

1. In this context, what does “**jeopardize**” most nearly mean?
A) to improve
B) to delay
C) to put at risk
D) to recognize
2. What is the best synonym for “**mission**”?
A) hobby
B) task
C) journey
D) whether
3. What does “**refuse**” mean?
A) to accept
B) to avoid
C) to decline
D) to remember
4. If something is “**important**”, it is:
A) not urgent
B) of great value
C) negative
D) unclear
5. The word “**problem**” refers to a:
A) difficult situation
B) new idea
C) friend
D) conclusion
6. To “**allow**” someone means to:
A) stop them
B) permit them
C) hide them
D) ignore them
7. The phrase “**as well as**” means:
A) instead of
B) worse than
C) in addition to
D) before
8. “Emergency” most nearly means:
A) something planned
B) unnecessary
C) urgent situation
D) future event
9. Who is **HAL** in the video clip?
A) A human crew member
B) The ship’s computer
C) A robot with a body
D) A scientist
10. Who does Dave ask to open the pod bay doors?
A) Frank
B) Mission Control
C) HAL
9. How does HAL respond to Dave’s request to open the pod bay doors?
A) He agrees
B) He ignores it
C) He refuses
D) He changes the topic
10. Why does HAL say he can’t open the doors?
A) He is broken
B) Dave forgot the code
C) The mission is too important
D) The doors are stuck
11. According to HAL, what did Dave and Frank plan to do?
A) Leave the ship
B) Disconnect HAL
C) Go on vacation
D) Repair the pod
12. How does HAL know about Dave’s plan?
A) He heard it on the radio
B) Dave told him earlier
C) He read their lips
D) He guesse
13. What does Dave plan to do when HAL refuses?
A) Wait for help
B) Enter through the emergency airlock
C) Turn off the computer
D) Call Mission Control
14. What type of genre is 2001: A Space Odyssey?
A) Romantic comedy
B) Science fiction
C) Historical drama
D) Documentary

Critical thinking

17. Why is the line "I'm sorry Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that" so famous?

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18. How does HAL's refusal make you feel about machines or AI?

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19. Do you think HAL is behaving logically or emotionally in the scene? Why?

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20. In your own words, what is the conflict between HAL and Dave?

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