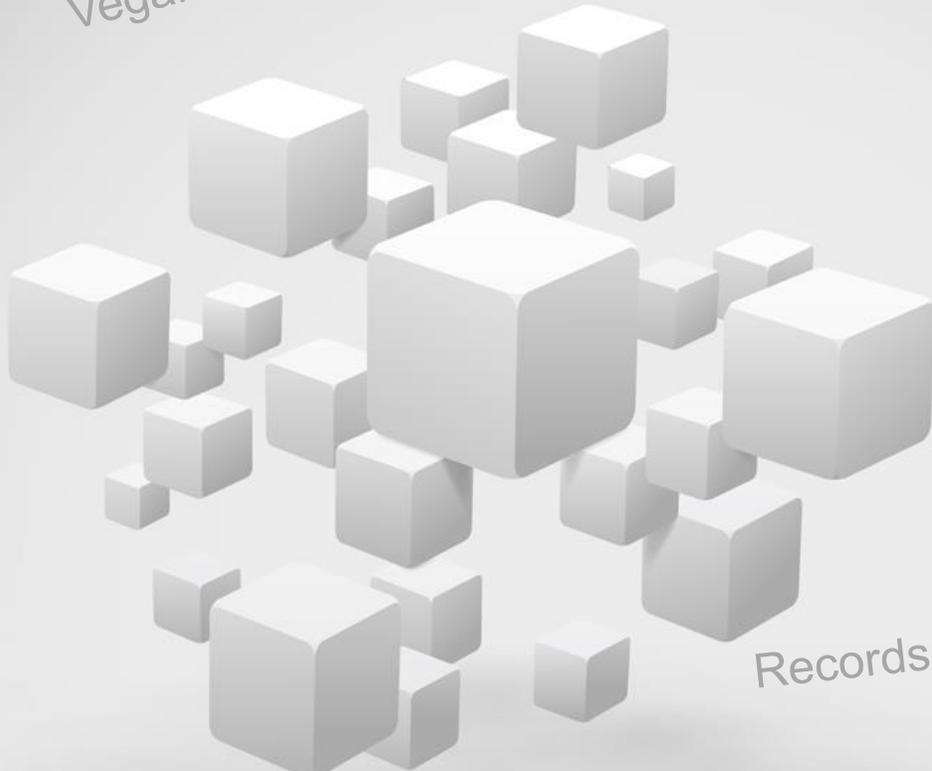


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## Today's Statement

Imagine being able to order a pizza, send an email, play music, or control your whole house just by talking to a small speaker. Not too long ago, this was nothing more than an idea, something thought of only as science fiction.. Now, it's a reality. According to the latest report by NPR and Edison Research, approximately 120 million American homes own a smart speaker. In January 2019, Amazon, the maker of the Echo smart speaker, announced that it had sold 100 million speakers globally. At the time of the report, Google had not announced its sales numbers for its speaker. Not everyone has jumped on the smart speaker bandwagon, though. The same report also shows that demand for the speakers has decreased and portends that this trend will continue in the future. One reason for this could be a saturation of the market. Eventually, almost every house in the United States will have at least one smart speaker, causing the demand for them to go down. Despite their popularity, they have been known to be susceptible to security issues. There have been instances where users have found that their speakers were hacked, and they were being spied on. A few users have reported hearing laughter and being spoken to through their speakers. Also, the fact that the speakers' microphones are always on and listening for keywords from the users has caused some distrust among some people. They believe that their conversations might be recorded and used by the companies for research and marketing purposes.

## Comprehension Check

1. Approximately how many homes in America have smart speakers?
2. Which company's smart speaker has sold to almost 100 million people worldwide?
3. What did the NPR and Edison Research report predict about the future of smart speakers?
4. Why are some people distrustful of smart speakers?

## Questions

1. How many people in your country own a smart speaker?
2. Do you own a smart speaker? If so, what do you use it for?
3. Which AI assistant do you prefer: Siri, Alexa, or Google?
4. What is your opinion on the future of the smart speaker?
5. Do you think that owning a smart speaker could be dangerous?
6. What can be done to make smart speakers safer and more secure?

## Words &amp; Expressions

Smart Speaker	스마트 스피커 (an Internet-enabled speaker that is controlled by spoken commands and capable of streaming audio content, relaying information, and communicating with other devices.)
Science Fiction	공상과학영화(stories about how people and societies are affected by imaginary scientific developments in the future)
Bandwagon	인기있는 쪽(activity or idea that has become very popular)
Demand	수요(~the desire to buy goods or services)
Portend	전조가 되다(be a sign or warning that something usually bad or unpleasant is going to happen)
Trend	추세(the general direction of changes or developments)
Saturation	포화 (a situation in which too much of a product or service is provided so that there is more available than there are people who want to buy it)
Hack	해킹하다(to access someone else's computer system without permission in order to obtain or change information)
Instance	사례(a particular situation, event, or fact)

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Generally referred to as an epidemic, or a crisis, the abuse of prescription painkillers called opioids has recently become a widespread problem around the United States. It can be traced back to the 1990s, when physicians started prescribing opioids at increasing rates, after pharmaceutical companies assured them that they were non-addictive. Unfortunately, that proved not to be the case. They are actually highly addictive. In 2017, an estimated 47,000 people died from opioid overdoses in America. In addition to that, over 1.7 million Americans were diagnosed with substance abuse disorders related to opioids. Currently, steps are being taken by both national and state governments to battle this epidemic and diminish the misuse of opioids. The Department of Health and Human Services declared the opioid crisis a national emergency and released a strategy to combat it. In addition to this, the United States Food and Drug Administration, or the FDA, started to require drug manufacturers to provide education programs to doctors prescribing opioids to patients. Several laws were also enacted in 2018 regarding ending opioid addiction, including the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, the Opioid Crisis Response Act, and the Helping to End Addiction and Lessen (HEAL) Substance Use Disorders Act

## Comprehension Check

1. What happened in the 1990s to cause the opioid epidemic?
2. How many people died from overdosing on opioids in 2017?
3. What is the Department of Health and Human Services doing to combat the opioid epidemic?
4. What laws were enacted in 2018 in regards to opioid addiction?

## Questions

1. In what ways has your country been affected by the opioid epidemic?
2. Have you ever met anyone who has suffered from an addiction to opioid painkillers?
3. What are some other ways to effectively reduce pain?
4. What else can be done to end the opioid epidemic?
5. Have you ever had to take painkillers for any reason?
6. What can be done in the future to reduce opioid addiction?

## Words &amp; Expressions

Opioid	오피오이드(any drug that has an effect similar to opium, such as morphine)
Epidemic	전염병(a particular disease or problem that seriously affects many people at the same time)
Widespread	널리 퍼진(existing or happening in many places or among many people)
Prescription	처방(a doctor's written direction for the medicine that someone needs and how it is to be used; can also be the medicine itself)
Pharmaceutical	약학의(relating to medicinal drugs, or their preparation, use, or sale)
Addiction	중독(an inability to stop consuming a drug or substance, or doing an activity, despite it causing psychological and physical harm)
Diagnose	진단하다(identify the nature of (an illness or other problem) by examination of the symptoms)
Diminish	감소시키다(to make or become less)
Combat	방지하다(to try to stop something unpleasant or harmful from happening or increasing)