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Vocabulary:

autonomous- able to function automatically, without outside input or guidance

Example: Some modern drones are completely autonomous.

regulation -an official rule or law

Example: There are regulations against smoking in many buildings.

unpredictable - not able to be known or understood in advance

Example: Just because the future is unpredictable doesn't mean we can't prepare for it.

oversight - responsibility or control over something

Example: The local government was given oversight of the project.

underscore - to emphasize something

Example: The recent incident underscores the need for stricter gun control laws.

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A self-driving car has hit and killed a woman in the southwestern United States in what is believed to be the first fatal pedestrian crash involving the new technology.

Police said Monday a self-driving vehicle owned by the ride sharing company Uber struck 49-year-old Elaine Herzberg, who was walking outside of a crosswalk in the Phoenix suburb of Tempe. She later died in a hospital from her injuries.

Uber said it had suspended its autonomous vehicle program across the United States and Canada following the accident.

Police say the vehicle was in autonomous mode, but had an operator behind the wheel, when the accident took place.

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