

WHAT WILL YOUR LIFE BE LIKE IN THE FUTURE?



HOME

Computers will be everywhere and robots will do everything for us. They will make our beds, clean the floor, feed our pets but unlike us, they will never get tired. As you walk into the kitchen in the morning, your breakfast will be ready on the table. Keys will no longer be necessary as a camera and face recognition system will lock and unlock the door.

SCHOOL

Most teenagers will study on their home computers and won't have to travel to school. They won't need schoolbags because all their textbooks will be digital. One teacher will be able to have more students than now as robots will assist teachers. Robots will help individual students according to their specific learning styles, pace, and interests. That way teachers will have more time to focus on each student, get to know them better and provide additional support whenever students need it.



SMARTPHONES

The device itself will probably disappear. Images and controls will appear floating in space, that only we can see. When someone rings you, you will see their name or image in front of your eyes. When you answer the call, you'll immediately hear the caller without having to use an earphone. We will be able to send tastes, smells, or touches. When you see a pizza on screen, you will be able to smell it and even to taste it.

SHOPPING

You will use a smart card to pay for everything because nobody will carry money any more. You won't have to go to the shop to buy clothes, you'll be able to buy all the clothes online and they will be the right size, because a computer will scan your body. There will be air conditioning inside a lot of clothes so you won't have to worry if it gets too hot or too cold outside. On top of that, the parcel with your clothes will be delivered by a drone in 30 minutes, which is quicker than the time it would take you to go to the shop.



FOOD

In the years to come we might be eating synthetic meat grown in the lab, algae, insects, protein bars made of things like mud and wood and also seaweed. We will have food scanners informing us about the ingredients of some food or drink. So they will tell us what we are eating and if it's healthy or not. We will also be able to 3D-print our favourite cake in minutes.

**CARS**

More and more parents will work from home so there won't be so much traffic. There will be no need to own a car, as there will be on-demand transportation. People will share driverless electric cars. Your baby brother or sister will probably never have to learn to drive a car. Driverless cars will be far safer than cars driven by people. Roads will be much emptier and smaller so walking and biking will become much easier and safer.

A Decide if the following sentences are true or false, according to the text.

- 1 People will lock and unlock the door with a remote control.
- 2 Students will carry a lot of books to school.
- 3 Only you will see images on your smartphone.
- 4 You won't have to try on new clothes in the shop.
- 5 Our clothes will help us stay cool in summer and warm in winter.

- 6 Synthetic meat will be produced on farms.
- 7 There will be more car accidents in the future.
- 8 It won't be necessary to have a driving licence.

B1 What do you think?

- 1 Which predictions would you like to come true?
- 2 Which predictions do you think are completely unrealistic?
- 3 Which predictions, if they come true, will be bad for the world? Why?
- 4 Which will be good?
- 5 What invention would you like to see in the future?

B2 Look at some predictions of the year 2000 created by people from 1900. Which came true?

- 1 one world language
- 2 flying machines
- 3 underwater ships
- 4 colour photographs
- 5 machines for creating good weather
- 6 time travel
- 7 wireless telephones
- 8 wars with other planets
- 9 roofed cities
- 10 fast trains

C Make three predictions for the year 2050 and three for 2100. Think about these topics:

communication, health, technology, food, cities, transport, school, the environment.