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Read the following article and answer true or false.

Life in Y3K

Most of us don't know what life will be like in the future, or even where we'll be a year from now, but it's fun to speculate. So, what might the world be like in the year 3000 (or Y3K as it's now called)?

Here's what one expert suggests:



What forms will our bodies have in Y3K?



We will be bigger and we'll need more food the "average adult male might weigh about 100 kilos. People will live for hundreds of years, and will have computers in their brains.



Computers in their brains! What do you mean?



We will soon be able to repair the human brain, and finally replace it completely. In the future you might be able to record all your experiences on a disk, so you can re-live them when you want to. Communication will be 100 times faster too. Now we communicate by speaking, but in the future we may communicate by thoughts and images.



Will we still die?



We might be able to avoid death, replacing all our body parts when we need to. If you die, it may only be by choice. It could be your choice - or it might be the choice of the government that runs your mind computer.



And what will humans do with their time?



Computers will do all the work. All manufacturing production will be automated. We might just enjoy ourselves while technology does everything.



What about space travel?



We might take control of space and live there too. There might be colonies on Mars or on other planets. Robots will travel far into the galaxy and we may find alien life.



But will we be happier?



Weil, I'm an optimist. I think in the end most of us will be happy and the world will be a better place. But who knows?

1. People will be bigger and live much longer in the future.
2. We won't be able to replace our brains.
3. We might be able to communicate without speaking.
4. We may die only if we want.
5. People won't need to work.
6. People and robots will travel in space.
7. We may not find aliens.
8. The expert thinks the world may be a better, happier place in the future.

