

Unit 5 Let's Experiment (Reading)

6 Amazing predictions for the future!

Will the world be very different 20 years from now? Futurologist Mark Mann gives us his view of life in the future.

- 1 Many people who are born in the 2040s will live until they are 150! That's because there will be vaccines for most serious diseases, including cancer.
- 2 Cars will drive themselves! Our cars will take us wherever we want to go, safely and easily – and we'll be able to relax and enjoy the ride!
- 3 Learning a second language won't be necessary. We'll be able to buy tiny computers that fit in our ear and translate what we hear into our own language.
- 4 There will be genetically modified crops that are very healthy. For example, sweets will have vitamins in them! We'll also be able to buy square fruit and vegetables that fit in the fridge more easily.
- 5 People will go on holiday to space. Thousands of us will work in space stations, which will have hotels, restaurants and sports stadiums.
- 6 We'll be able to play video games just by thinking! The games will be advanced enough to 'understand' what move we want to make. It will make the move for us – we won't need to touch anything!



Reading

A magazine article

- 1 2.13 Read and listen to the article. Which predictions are about ...

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| a) travel and transport? | d) eating? |
| b) medicine? | e) education? |
| c) entertainment? | |

Listen to the audio here!

2 Read the article again and answer the questions about the future.

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| 1. What age will people live to? | 4. How will fruit and vegetables be different? |
| 2. Why won't people learn to drive? | 5. Where will people stay on a space station? |
| 3. How will computers help people who can't speak foreign languages? | 6. What won't people have to do when they play video games? |