

UNIT TEST 4

"FUTURE MATTERS"

I. WRITING.

1. Future.

Order the words to write the sentence in future.

the people

will

digital money

use

in the future

medicine

study

Carlos

Will not

Next year

travel

you

Next month?

will

2. Environment.

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

Renewable energy – Solar energy – recycle – Wind

a. We could _____ to save the planet.

b. It is more expensive to make electricity from sun or _____.

c. _____ is taken from nature.

d. We can use _____ as a heat source.



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II. READING.

1. Predictions.

Predictions That Came True

Is it really possible to predict the future? Some people say that they can foresee future events, but do we believe them?

- In the past, there were people who made predictions based on their own observations and intuition. Then, many years later, those predictions came true...
- In 1987, the movie critic Roger Ebert said, "We will have high definition, wide-screen televisions... videocassette tapes will be obsolete." How many of you now have widescreen TVs at home?
- In 1968, Arthur C. Clarke and Stanley Kubrick collaborated on the novel and movie 2001: A Space Odyssey. In one scene in the movie, we see two astronauts reading the news on something that looks like a tablet! Even more surprising, Clarke named the device the "Newspad." Does that name sound familiar?
- John Elfreth Watkins Jr. was curator of the Smithsonian Institute. In 1900, he wrote an article called "What May Happen in the Next Hundred Years." He said, "Man will see around the world. Persons and things of all kinds will be brought within focus of cameras... thousands of miles at a span." That's right, Mr. Watkins predicted the existence of something similar to a famous photo-sharing social network—over one hundred years ago!

Source: Archivo editorial

a. Read the article and match the people below to their predictions.

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| a. Roger Ebert | • a very famous photo-sharing social network |
| b. Arthur C. Clarke | • widescreen televisions |
| c. John Elfreth Watkins Jr. | • electronic tablets |

b. Read again and circle the correct alternative.

What use the people in past to predict the future?

- a) movies and texts.
- b) tarot cards.
- c) their observation and intuition.

What's the name of the article that John Watkins wrote?

- a) "Man will see around the world"
- b) "What may happen in the next hundred years"
- c) "The future in the next thousand years"

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III. LISTENING.

1. Future matters.

Match the audio with the corresponding picture.

