

Skills Time!

Lesson Five

Reading

1 Describe what is happening in the pictures.

2 Listen and read.  59

The Future What do you think the future will be like?

Rob, 10

There won't be much land, so there will be big cities underwater, and we will travel in submarines. I think some houses will be underground, too, but I won't live in an underground house. I'll live in an underwater house with glass walls. I will see fish swimming around!



Lara, 10

I agree with Rob. There won't be many parks or green spaces. There will be lots of cars and planes, so pollution will be very bad. We won't have a lot of fresh food, so people will eat lots of junk food. There will be food pills, too.



Jim, 11

I disagree. I think the world will be a cleaner place in the future, because we won't use petrol or other fossil fuels. We will use energy from the sun to power our cars and houses. I think cars will be very fast and some cars will fly, too!



Jasmine, 11

I think computers will be very small in the future. We will have computers in our clothes and we will use our voices to control them. We'll learn lots of interesting things. We will use virtual reality to study. We won't go to school, but we'll meet our teachers and friends in cool virtual places to learn about the world.



3 Underline these words in the text. Guess their meanings and then check them in the Workbook 4 Dictionary (page 132).

underwater submarines underground control
energy virtual reality pills power

4 Read again and write T (true) or F (false).

1 Rob thinks there will be lots more space on land in the future.

F

3 Lara thinks there will be lots of parks in the future.

5 Jim thinks some cars will fly.

2 Rob thinks lots of houses will be underwater.

4 Jim thinks we will use fossil fuels in the future.

6 Jasmine thinks children won't go to school in the future.