

READING: FUTURE HUMANS

1) Read and listen to the text and complete the blank spaces with the words you hear.

FACES OF THE FUTURE

Humans have _____ and changed through the ages and, unless a catastrophe _____ the Earth, we'll probably survive and continue to change. Scientists are already saying that children born now might live until they're 150. Further into the future, perhaps people won't die but simply buy new body parts as they get older!

What other changes are possible in the years ahead?



1 Homo Informaticus If we continue to use computers and screens more and more, our eyes and brains will probably get bigger in order to _____ more information.



2 Neo-humans If there's a terrible war or an _____ survivors might leave the cities and live in caves. They'll become stronger, hairier and more agile.



3 Homo Perfectus If scientists _____ human genes, will some people pay to have children who are better looking, healthier and more intelligent than 'normal' humans?



4 Cyborgs Soldiers of the future might be part human, part _____ with super-strong body parts, auto-zoom eyes and a brain connected by _____ to super computers.



5 Space humans If Earth gets too crowded, humans will _____ other planets. If they adapt to a different atmosphere and gravity on another planet, they won't look the same as humans on Earth.

2) Read the article again. Match the paragraphs 1-5 with the pictures A-E. Drag the names of the HUMANS and drop them in the correct picture.

3) Read or listen to the text again and answer these questions. Choose the correct answer.

1. Who might live to be 100 years old? Neo-Humans children born now
2. What will probably cause our brains to get bigger. Using computers and screens
 Using cell phones and laptops
3. What will people possibly do as the result of an epidemic or war? They'll live in caves
 They'll live in other planets
4. How will children from the future be different from now? better looking and more intelligent
 Healthier and stronger
5. What might happen if Earth gets overcrowded? Humans will die
 Humans will colonize other planets