4 Future inventions

escalator

lift

walkway

audio guide

laboratory

display

Reading

1 04 Read and listen.

The Museum of Future Inventions

What do you think will be invented in the future? Do you have any ideas? Soon, there will be a Museum of Future Inventions near London. At the museum you will be able to see models of the machines, cars and robots of the future.

The museum will be very big. There will be modern escalators and beautiful glass lifts. Visitors will move through the museum on moving walkways. They will listen to audio guides to find out about the things in the museum. Some of the robots will talk to you. They will be able to talk in a lot of different languages.

There will be cinemas, laboratories, classrooms, a café and a gift shop in the museum. At the gift shop there will be fantastic things to buy for your friends and family. There will also be a Young Inventor Laboratory for children, with displays of new inventions. Children will make their own future inventions in the laboratory.

In the Technology room you will see displays of computers, TVs and games consoles of the future. There will be very small computers that you can wear like a watch. There will be games consoles and TVs with 3D images. There will be tiny phones you will wear in your ears.

Do you have an idea for a future invention? Why not send it to us? We will send you a Future Inventor T-shirt. We will send the best ideas to the museum and they will put them on the walls of the Young Inventor Laboratory for everyone to see.

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Comprehension

2 Read and tick (✔) or cross (✘).

1 The museum is open now. ✘
2 There will be models of machines in the museum. ☐
3 The museum will be small. ☐
4 There will be a shop in the museum. ☐
5 Children will learn about animals in the Young Inventor Laboratory. ☐
6 There will be computers you wear in your ears. ☐
7 You can send your ideas for inventions to the magazine. ☐

3 Write a sentence from the text for each picture.

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Visitors will move through the museum on moving walkways.

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4 Answer the questions.

1 Where will the museum be? Near London.
2 Will there be robots in the museum? _____
3 Will the museum be small? _____
4 How will visitors move through the museum? _____
5 Why will visitors listen to audio guides? _____
6 Where will children make their own inventions? _____
7 How will you wear computers in the future? _____
8 Where will you wear tiny phones in the future? _____

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Vocabulary

5 Read the definitions and circle.

1 A *lift* / *display* carries people up and down to other floors in a building.

2 A moving staircase is called an *audio guide* / *escalator*.

3 A *walkway* / *display* is a collection of pictures or objects to look at on a wall or table.

4 Something you listen to that gives you information is an *inventor* / *audio guide*.

5 You walk on a moving *walkway* / *escalator* as a way of moving quickly along the ground.

6 Someone who designs or makes something that didn't exist before is called *a professor* / *an inventor*.

7 A room where scientists work and do experiments is a *laboratory* / *kitchen*.

8 An *invention* / *laboratory* is a new machine that someone has made for the first time.

9 Something electronic you play with on your own or with friends is a *jigsaw* / *games console*.

6 Complete the text with the words in the box.

audio guide display housework inventor laboratory planets robots spaceship

Last week, we went to the Science Museum. It was great.

My brother and I sat in a [1] spaceship and we saw the moon and all the [2] _____.

Mum looked at a [3] _____ of clocks and listened to an [4] _____.

Dad and I watched an [5] _____ making a machine in a [6] _____.

Then, we all looked at lots of [7] _____. They were cooking and they were doing [8] _____.

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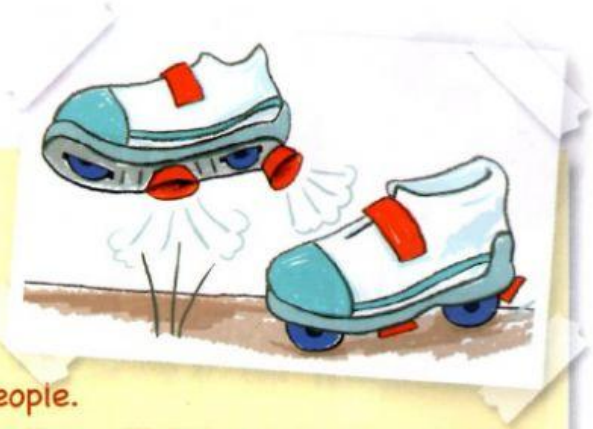
Writing



My future invention

I think we will have special shoes like these in the future. They will look like trainers and they will be very comfortable. Everyone will be able to wear them, even children and old people.

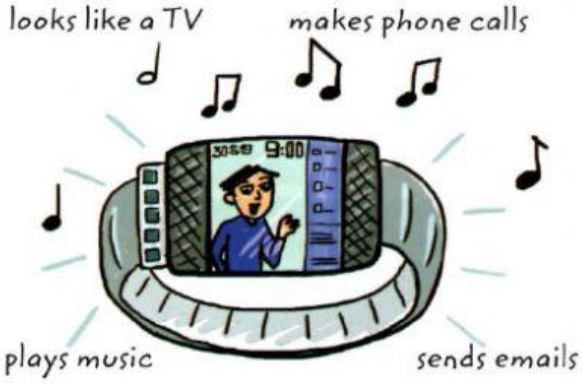
The shoes will have wheels, like rollerskates, so they will help us to move around quickly. They will also lift us off the ground when we want to jump over things or fly to a different place.

These shoes are a great idea because we won't need bikes or cars to travel around the town. They will be good for the environment.

7 Write *like*, *looks like* or *look like*.

1 These special shoes look like trainers.
2 They will have wheels, _____ rollerskates.
3 That car is amazing. It _____ a spaceship.
4 The museum will have walkways, _____ an airport.
5 When my mum wears sunglasses, she _____ a film star.
6 Chinese noodles are long and thin, _____ spaghetti.
7 Jack and Jim _____ their dad, but he is taller than them.

8 Write about a future invention in your notebook. Use the notes below or imagine your own invention.



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