School of the future

Education will still be very important in the future, but children won't be in classrooms all the time. They will also have online classes at home. There will be no central timetable for everybody. Students will choose their subjects and create their own learning plans.

In their lessons, students won't have paper coursebooks or whiteboards. They will use interactive walls to find information on the internet and watch videos. In some lessons, students will wear 'virtual reality' headsets. They will do a lot of experiments and work on projects with students from around the world. Will they have to take tests? Probably not!

They will still have teachers, but teachers will have AI robot assistants. The assistants will look like real teachers and help students learn.

But will pupils enjoy these lessons? We will have to see.

1 🔊 8.5 Read the text and find three examples of using technology at school.

2 Would you like to learn in a school of the future? Why?/Why not?

3 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of *will/won't* in the text.

GRAMMAR ▷ *Will* for future predictions

+	I will study abroad. She will be a teacher. They will have teachers.	
−	I won't have homework. She won't be a nurse. They won't have coursebooks.	
?	Will you study a lot? Will he play games? Will they have teachers?	Yes, I will./No, I won't. Yes, he will./No, he won't. Yes, they will./No, they won't.
	How will they learn?	

Time expressions:
in 2040/twenty years' time/the next five years/the future
by (= before) 2040/New Year/my twentieth birthday

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4 Complete the text with *will/won't* and the verbs in brackets.

Languages like English and German [1]*won't be* (not be) so popular in the future. But Chinese and Spanish [2]_____ (become) very important. Students [3]_____ (not learn) with apps on their phones: instead, students [4]_____ (chat) to students their age in other countries and practise languages with AI teaching assistants. In the future, students [5]_____ (not have) a chance to meet their classmates every day, because they [6]_____ (often study) online at home.

⚠️ **WATCH OUT!**
I think this will happen.
I don't think this will happen.
NOT ~~I think this won't happen.~~

5 In pairs, say if and when you think these predictions will come true. Use time expressions with *in* or *by*.
1 Schools will give laptops to all their students.
I think this will happen by 2030./I don't agree. I don't think this will happen.
2 Students won't learn languages – everyone will use computers to translate.
3 Many people will decide to study abroad.
4 Most teachers will use social media to teach.
5 Students will play video games during lessons.

6 Tick (✓) the things you think you will do by your twentieth birthday.
☐ learn to drive   ☐ get married
☐ go to university   ☐ buy a house or flat
☐ start work   ☐ buy a car

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7 In pairs, ask and answer questions about the things in Exercise 6.
A: *Will you learn to drive before your twentieth birthday?*
B: *Yes, I will./No, I won't.*