

Reading Reinforcement – Unit 7

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Read the text and complete the gaps with the words presented in the box.

cameras	-	houseflies	-	newspapers	-	trains	-	predictions
magazine	-	colours	-	kilometres	-	boudoir	-	telegraph

In December 1900, at the start of the 20th century, an American civil engineer and journalist called John Elfreth Watkins wrote a piece entitled 'What May Happen In the Next Hundred Years', which was published in an American women's _____, Ladies' Home Journal.

He began the article with the words: 'These prophecies will seem strange, almost impossible, explaining that he had consulted the country's 'greatest institutions of science and learning for their opinions on 29 topics.

1. Nearly 120 years later, his _____ became a viral internet hit because of the accuracy of some of them. Photographs will be telegraphed from any distance. If there will be a battle in China a hundred years hence, snapshots of its most striking events will be published in the _____ an hour later. Photographs will reproduce all of nature's _____.
2. There will be no C. X or Q in our everyday alphabet. They will be abandoned because they are unnecessary.
3. Wireless telephone and _____ circuits will span the world. A husband in the middle of the Atlantic will be able to converse with his wife sitting in her _____ in Chicago. We will be able to telephone to China quite as readily as we now talk from New York to Brooklyn.
4. Man will see around the world. Persons and things of all kinds will be brought within focus of _____ connected electrically with screens at opposite ends of circuits, thousands of miles apart.
5. All fast traffic will be below or above ground when brought within city limits.
6. Trains will run two miles a minute normally. Express _____ will travel at one hundred and fifty miles per hour (240 _____ per hour).
7. Mosquitoes, _____ and cockroaches will have been exterminated.