LESSON E WHAT TO DO BEFORE ANSWERING A QUESTION?

We usually need to give ourselves thinking time before answering to a question. There are some techniques you can use to fill silence while you think the best answer or just to remember any data.

A) Ask the speaker to repeat the question, example: Pardon? Sorry? Excuse me? Can you say that again?
B) Make "thinking noises", example: Hmm. Er. Well.
C) Use English expressions which mean you are thinking about your answer, example: That's an interesting question. Let's see. Let me think. Give me a second. Just a moment.
D) Repeat the question slowly, example: What ... will... I do... after class? ...

1. LISTEN AND CHECK THE TECHNIQUES THE SPEAKERS USE. ACCORDING TO THE PREVIOUS EXPLANATION. TICK THE BOXES.



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FUTURE TIME MARKERS

When you are predicting future ideas and trends, use these expressions to signal a shift from talking about the present to talking about the future:

> ***Before long,*** paper will be a thing of the past
> Here's my forecast of job skills that will help you ***in the next*** 20 years.
> I'd like to talk to you today about work ***in the coming years.***

2. COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES. USE FUTURE TIME MARKERS.



1. I think the local job market for graduates will improve _____.
2. I think that _____ eco-friendly companies will expand.
3. Do you think that most workers will have English skills_____?
4. Experts think that _____ many low-tech jobs will disappear.
5. It is clear that _____ new career areas will be developed.

3. MAKE THREE MORE JOB PREDICTIONS.

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4. YOU WILL INTERVIEW SOME PARTNERS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE AND BELIEFS OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. YOU HAVE TO START DOING THE QUESTIONS. CREATE TEN QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PARTNER'S FUTURE.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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9. _____
10. _____



4. WORK IN PAIRS. ASK AND ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS FROM EXERCISE 4 WITH A PARTNER. YOU CAN USE ANY TECHNIQUE TO FILL SILENCE IN YOUR ANSWERS.

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