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# Where Do You See Yourself in Ten Years?

## 1. Warm-Up Discussion

Think about the questions below before listening to the recording.

- A.** What do you imagine yourself doing at age 25 or 30? Consider your job, where you might live, and your lifestyle.
- B.** Would you rather live in a vibrant city flat or a peaceful countryside cottage? Give two reasons for your preference.

## 2. Vocabulary Preparation

Match each informal word or idiom from the recording (**1-6**) with its correct definition (**A-F**).

| Expression         | Definition                                                                                |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. swanky / deluxe | A. depressing, harsh, or unattractive                                                     |
| 2. far-off         | B. completely unrealistic; extremely unlikely to happen                                   |
| 3. grim            | C. distant or situated a long way away                                                    |
| 4. let alone       | D. luxurious, expensive, and fashionable                                                  |
| 5. in your dreams  | E. waiting in a line eagerly to get something                                             |
| 6. queuing up      | F. used to emphasise that something is even less likely than the previous thing mentioned |

Write the corresponding letter for each item:

1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

3: \_\_\_\_\_

4: \_\_\_\_\_

5: \_\_\_\_\_

6: \_\_\_\_\_



**Listening Tip: Listening for Gist and Distractors** When listening to informal debates, speakers frequently mention careers, locations, and lifestyles only to criticise, reject, or mock them. Do not tick an option simply because you hear a familiar word such as *law*, *Olympics*, or *London*. Focus on whether the speaker is genuinely planning that future for themselves, or merely joking, complaining, or comparing options.

### 3. Main Task 1: Aspects Mentioned

Listen to Jack, Tommy, and Millie discussing their future plans. Tick (☐) the **six** aspects that are genuinely described as part of their real ambitions. Leave the distractors blank.

- ☐ Piloting long-haul passenger planes based out of London Heathrow
- ☐ Studying for a postgraduate law degree at an English university
- ☐ Buying a traditional countryside farmhouse in the north of England
- ☐ Setting up a swimming training academy for young teenagers
- ☐ Living in a luxury flat in Manhattan near Central Park
- ☐ Competing as an Olympic swimmer for Great Britain
- ☐ Moving to Hong Kong to work in air traffic control
- ☐ Living with a partner who earns a high income in London
- ☐ Launching an independent commercial swimwear brand
- ☐ Opening a celebrity nightclub in the centre of New York

### 4. Main Task 2: Multiple-Choice Comprehension

Listen again and choose the correct answer (**A**, **B**, **C**, or **D**) for each question.

**1. Detail:** What specific career step does Tommy envisage achieving by the age of 25?

- A** Managing flight logistics at Heathrow Airport
- B** Flying commercial A380 aircraft as a captain
- C** Relocating permanently to South America
- D** Training military pilots for international routes

**2. Detail:** Why does Jack insist on living in New York City?

- A** He plans to study theatre and film production
- B** He has inherited property along Fifth Avenue
- C** He intends to open an entertainment venue
- D** He expects to work for an elite city law firm

**3. Opinion:** What is Millie's primary objection to urban living?

- A** The overwhelming crowds and constant rush
- B** The lack of high-level athletic facilities
- C** The extremely high cost of renting flats
- D** The distance from international airports

**4. Attitude:** How does Jack react to Millie's rural dream?

- A** He thinks it sounds financially unachievable
- B** He admires her commitment to nature
- C** He finds it depressing and unappealing
- D** He worries that she will feel isolated

**5. Function:** Why does Millie bring up her swimming ambitions?

- A** To explain how she will finance her future home
- B** To prove that athletes earn more than corporate lawyers
- C** To persuade Tommy and Jack to exercise regularly
- D** To show that she values fitness over fame

**6. Attitude:** When Tommy describes his future girlfriend, how does Millie respond?

- A** She expresses jealousy of his lavish lifestyle
- B** She warns him about marrying for money
- C** She teases him for being entirely unrealistic
- D** She agrees that London is full of wealthy partners

**7. Function / Comparison:** What core difference sets Millie apart from Jack and Tommy?

- A** She is unwilling to make sacrifices to achieve success
- B** She seeks tranquility over status, luxury, and city nightlife
- C** She prefers travelling abroad rather than remaining in Britain
- D** She doubts whether her future goals will ever happen

**8. Gist:** Which statement best summarises the conversation as a whole?

- A** Three teenagers disagree about whether university degrees are worthwhile
- B** Three classmates argue over which European city offers the best career options
- C** Three friends realise that professional sports offer better rewards than office work
- D** Three young people contrast their contrasting, highly ambitious visions of adult life