

II. READING

A. Read the text

Future houses

Have you ever wondered about what houses will look like in the future? Houses are evolving all the time; some people think it will not be long before houses looking completely different from how they look now. The way houses look changes with each new generation. I asked one architect," How do you picture the house of the future?" He said to me that the design of a house is generally based upon the interests of the person who is building it. However, most average people today buy modern, normal-looking houses that we're used to seeing across the street. Only rich people can afford to think about and build future houses. Will people always like "old houses"? According to some people involved in selling houses, people will always like the old Victorian and Edwardian houses. Though the outside of the house will stay the same, the insides will differ. New household appliances are being invented all the time. And there is no limit to the imagination and desire of human beings. The materials used to build future houses will probably be the same as they are now, but some new materials are being used. For example: steel and plastic are now being used more and expanding steel is soon going to come into play.

Appliances



In the past most household appliances were things like a simple box with ice in it. Coffee makers were machines which spat out water and made coffee! But now they have refrigerators that know what you need to put on your shopping list and coffee makers that practically have their own minds! I'll explain. In the future there will be homes that answer doors, call the police and make coffee for us. That will help us a lot. If the doorbell rings, we won't have to get up from what we are doing to answer it. The house will know if we want a cup of coffee, and there it will be, waiting for us when we walk down the stairs. If you're in trouble instead of having to hide and hope for the best, you will know that you can count on your house to call for help you need (like the police, fire department, etc.) and they will come as fast as they can. Appliances will be what make these houses great.

B. Answer the following questions according to the texts above.

1. Will people still like old houses in the future?
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2. What will be the difference between old houses and houses we see in the future?
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3. Who will be able to design their own houses? And why?
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4. In which way will houses stay the same? Justify your answer.
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5. Which material will be the most used in a couple of years? And why?
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C. Circle True or False according to the text above. If the statement is False, write the correct information.

1. Appliances are machines used at home.	T	F	_____
2. Future coffee makers and refrigerators will read people's minds.	T	F	_____
3. The police won't help people efficiently.	T	F	_____
4. Houses will help people in case of trouble.	T	F	_____
5. The best thing about these houses will be the coffee makers.	T	F	_____

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