

UNIT 1C (B1) – CHECKING READING

- 1 A lot of people already use dating sites, but I think in the future the number of people who use them will rise even more. Dating sites will improve, so they will get better at finding you the perfect person. In the future, they will be the only way that couples meet.
- 2 These days, some people work at home one or two days a week instead of going to an office every day. I think in the future lots more people will work from home all the time, and the number of offices will decrease. It's sad, because people won't be as sociable.
- 3 I think the number of people on the planet will continue to increase. There'll be less space, so we'll need to change the way we live. Maybe we'll live underground, or maybe lots of people will live together in a single house. Life will definitely get worse!
- 4 Driverless cars are a new thing at the moment, but I think in the future it will be normal to have one. I think it'll be a good thing, because we won't have so many accidents. Maybe we'll stop using petrol, too. That would be good!
- 5 The weather will change a lot in the future. It will become more extreme. There'll be big changes in temperature, too. It won't be good!

5 Match comments 1–5 in Exercise 4 with replies a–e.

- a 'I agree. There won't be enough houses for everyone because the population will rise.'
- b 'That won't happen. I think we will be able to control the weather and everything will get better.'
- c 'I think meeting partners online is a terrible idea! Will it become easier to meet people? I don't think so!'
- d 'You're right. In the future, it's possible that everyone will work from their homes.'
- e 'At last things will improve! Goodbye to dirty air in our cities. I can't wait!'