

Unit 10. OUR HOUSES IN THE FUTURE

Reading – Speaking- Listening

A. READING

I. Read the following passage and choose the correct answers.

I had a lot of(1)..... about my future house. When I was nine, my ideal house was an enormous mansion, after that a luxurious chateau, then a beach cottage and so on. Now my dream house does not.

.....(2).....

I would like to live in a quiet place near a woods or a river, far from a city's noise. I think a large house isn't(3)..... important as homely area and a nice country. I would like a huge garden with stone walkways surrounded by flowering plants, a small lake and a terrace with wooden furniture,(4)..... I can read and drink coffee in the sunny afternoons.

The interior will(5)..... also comfortable. The rooms will be furnished by wooden things; the walls will have light colours. I will hang pictures and photos of my family and friends on.....(6)..... There will be many windows overlooking a valley or(7)..... river. I love art, so I think I will(8)..... the room with many things such as: modern pictures, candles, lanterns and so on.

.....(9)..... the living room there will be a stone fireplace and in front of the fireplace will be a rug, a huge sofa and armchairs. I will.....(10)..... a hi-tech robot to help me with lots of work such as: washing the dishes, planting trees, tidying the house and etc...

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| 1. | A. dreams | B. dream | C. dreamt | D. dreamed |
| 2. | A. changing | B. change | C. to change | D. changed |
| 3. | A. as | B. so | C. more | D. less |
| 4. | A. when | B. why | C. where | D. what |
| 5. | A. be | B. is | C. are | D. was |
| 6. | A. you | B. them | C. us | D. it |
| 7. | A. their | B. the | C. a | D. an |
| 8. | A. buy | B. prepare | C. cover | D. decorate |
| 9. | A. under | B. at | C. in | D. on |
| 10. | A. sell | B. have | C. do | D. make |

II. Read the text carefully and answer the questions

Technology will allow homes in the future to be “smart.” Appliances will communicate with each other - and with you. Your stove, for example, will tell you when your food is cooked and ready to eat. Refrigerators will suggest recipes based on food items you already have.

Futurologists predict that many homes will have robots in the future. Robots already do many things such as

building cars and vacuuming floors. But scientists today are starting to build friendlier, more intelligent robots that will be able to show feelings with their faces, just like humans. These robots will do work around the house such as cooking and cleaning. They will even take care of children and the elderly.

How soon will this smart home be a reality? There's a good chance it will be a part of your life in 25 or 30 years, perhaps sooner.

1. What will make future houses smart?
A. Technology B. Computers C. Humans D. Scientists
2. According to the passage, the fridge of the future will be able to _____.
A. keep food fresher and lasting longer. B. tell you it's time to buy more food.
C. give instructions on how to cook something. D. look out for out-of-date food.
3. Robots nowadays are widely used in _____.
A. house building B. car manufacturing
C. public transportation D. communications technology
4. Scientists are building robots that can _____.
A. help take care of elderly people. B. do all household chores.
C. show feelings with their faces. D. all are correct.
5. Which of the followings is NOT mentioned in the passage?
A. Homes will be smart in 25 or 30 years time.
B. Smart appliances will be able to communicate with you.
C. So far robots have already done many things.
D. Robots will soon be more intelligent than humans.