

TECHNOLOGY: USED TO

Watch the video “Technology: Its impact on your world of work” by Careers Wales.

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WARM UP

Put the objects on the timeline. Then, answer the questions.



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1879

1927

1957

1974

1992

1. How will electricity change in the future?
2. Do you think that we will use televisions in the future?
3. Will people be able to have space vacations in the future?

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VOCABULARY

Complete the following statements with the words in the box. Then, say which of the statements are true for you.

old-school gadgets	software	artificial intelligence
digital		portable cloud

- I am afraid that _____ will take over my job in the future.
- I like _____ technology as it takes me back to a simpler time.
- I regularly update my PC to have the latest _____.
- I am into _____ as they make my daily life easier.
- I prefer having a laptop to a desktop because it is _____.
- As a backup, I store all my files and photos on the _____.
- I prefer having a _____ watch to an analogue one.

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VIDEO LISTENING ACTIVITY

Complete the comprehension questions about the video. Then, answer the discussion questions.

1. What percentage of children entering primary school today will be doing new jobs that don't even exist yet?

2. Name four jobs that didn't exist 10 years ago.

3. Name two clothing predictions of the future.

4. What are six things Artificial Intelligence will do in the future?

5. Name three traits that Artificial Intelligence doesn't have.

Discussion:

1. How do you think schools will adapt to prepare children for future jobs?
2. Which jobs do you think will become obsolete due to technology in the future?
3. Would you like a career linked to the digital world?



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GRAMMAR: USED TO

Read the theory about the use of “used to” and then complete the tasks.

We use **‘used to’ + infinitive** to talk about a past situation which is no longer true. It tells us that there was a repeated action / state in the past which **has now changed**.

Example: She used to be a tennis player when she was younger.

He used to work in Amsterdam. Now he works in London.

When we use this structure with the word **‘did’** - there is a slight change.

Example: Did you use to eat meat when you were younger?

I didn’t use to sleep well, but I do now.

She didn’t use to go to class at university.

Can you see what the small change is? The word **‘used’** changes to **‘use’**.

Task 1: Complete the sentences with 'used to' or 'use to'.

1. Did you _____ walk to school?
2. I didn't _____ eat vegetables when I was younger.
3. She _____ work at the post office.
4. He didn't _____ play sport in highschool. He does now.
5. We _____ go to England for Christmas every year.
6. Did you _____ dye your hair blonde?
7. They _____ go hiking every year on her birthday.
8. We _____ work at a bar when we were studying.
9. Did you _____ live in India?
10. I didn't _____ work - but I work now!



Task 2: Answer the questions using the structure of 'used to'.

- Did you use to walk to school as a child?
- What did you use to do to celebrate your birthday when you were younger?
- Did you use to play any sport when you were younger?
- Did you use to go to a specific holiday destination with your family?
- What did your mom use to cook when you were sick as a child?

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SPEAKING PRACTICE

Look at the images below and speak about each one. You need to use the grammar point in the previous exercise.

What did we use / do before...?

				
Cell Phone Cameras	Google Maps	E-Readers	Social Media	Cars

Example: Before we had email, we used to send letters through the post. It took days to arrive! Emails are so much faster and more convenient.



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ARTICLE

Read the article and complete the exercises.

Life in the future - Tech that will change the way we live

Technology has the power to do many things, and changing the world is one of them. We're privileged to live in a time where science and technology can assist us, make our lives easier and rethink the way we go about our daily lives. Here is a list of technologies that will probably change our lives forever over the coming decade and beyond.

Space Tourism

We can fly to virtually any country in the world without any trouble, but what if we could all one day see the earth from space? Companies such as Virgin Galactic, SpaceX and even Amazon's Blue Origin, want to make it a reality one day, and give us a - very expensive - seat aboard a spaceship to take us into orbit.

Electric / Self-driving Cars

Electric cars are nothing new; they've been on our roads for some time now and they're only getting better. Car batteries are lasting longer, the charging station infrastructure is growing and self-driving technology is being heavily invested in meaning it's coming sooner than you probably think. Tesla already has a

complex Autopilot mode that can take over some driving controls, but one-day car manufacturers hope to let us go completely hands-free.

Robot Butlers

Chores, chores, chores. Boring and unfortunately necessary. But what if robots could help save you the misery? We already have the beginnings with robot vacuum cleaners and smart home appliances. Larger, more useful robots are springing up too. We could easily be living in a future packed full of useful robots helping around the home as butlers or chefs.

3D Printed Food

3D printing technology is coming along quickly and companies are already experimenting with printing food. Fridge running a bit low? Not a problem for future you, just print some cakes, vegetables or even a pizza. We're dreaming big here. 3D printing is taking off in other areas too. From creating aeroplane and vehicle parts, replacement joints such as hips, or pieces for a board game, it still has huge potential to change our lives in the coming years.



Now, answer the questions.

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of having Robot Butlers?
2. Do you think that self-driving cars will increase or decrease road accidents?
3. Would you like to travel to space for pleasure?
4. Could 3D printed food be the answer to world hunger?

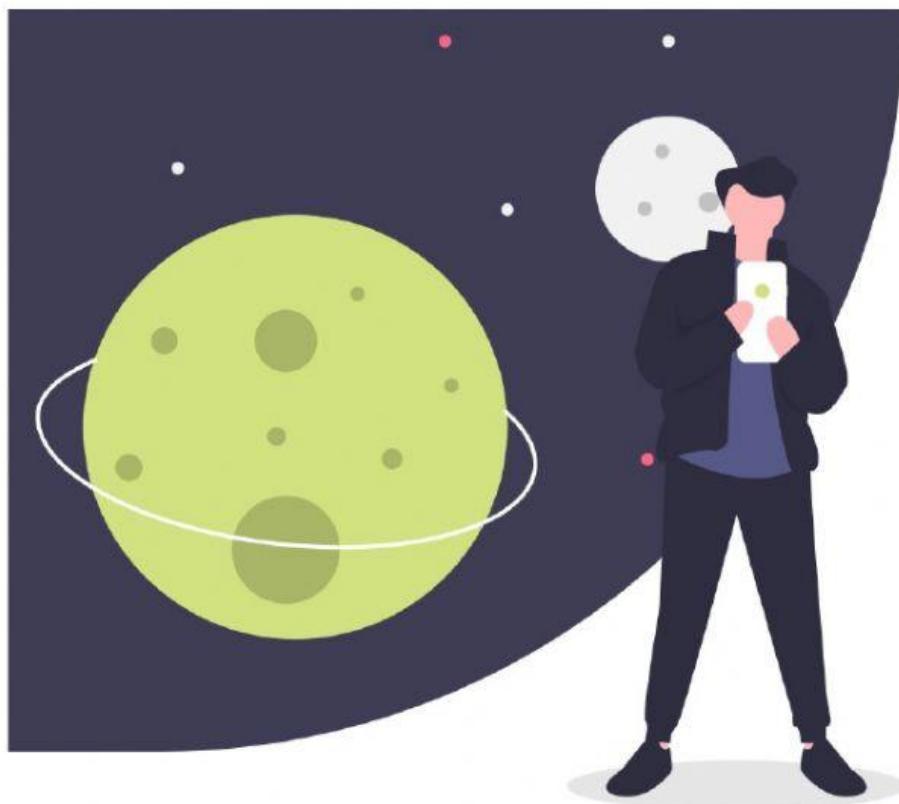
Lastly, look at four more predictions in the box and discuss each one. Do you think that they will realise? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each one?

Lab-grown meat

Colonisation of other planets

Smart mirrors that check your health

Fridges that order for you



EXTRA

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GRAMMAR PRACTICE

Talk about each picture and answer the question “*What did we use to use / do before...?*” Write full sentences. Use the grammar point discussed in exercise 4.



Laptops



Digital Cameras



Smart Watches



Netflix



Smartphones

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