APPLIANCES THAT TALK

Technology will permit 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.

The technology is possible because of small chips that store information called RFID[1]. These chips will accumulate information about all the items in your cabinets. For example, they will register the date that you bought each item. Other devices will "read" this information using electromagnetic radiation. When you need more food, your cabinets will tell you to buy it. You won't need to make a shopping list anymore.

CHOOSE TRUE OR FALSE

A. Homes won't be smart in the future. TRUE FALSE

B. Appliances will communicate with supermarkets. TRUE FALSE

C. Your stove will send you an alert when the food is ready. TRUE FALSE

D. RFIS1 chips will register the date that you bought the food. TRUE FALSE

E. Your cabinets will tell you where to buy food. TRUE FALSE