

UNIT 3 – THE FUTURE IS NOW

1- Find words (1 word) for these definitions in the text. Remember PARA is the paragraph where you find them.

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| 1- live |
| 2- |
| 3- |
| 4- |
| 5- |
| 6- |
| 7- |
| 8- |

- 1 seen at the same time it is happening (e.g. music) (para 2):
- 2 happening often (para 2):
- 3 getting the result you want (para 2):
- 4 without anything or anyone else coming in between (para 3):
- 5 make (para 4):
- 6 say that something will happen before it happens (para 5):
- 7 a group of musicians (para 5):
- 8 so good that you can't believe it (para 5):

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The future of music



Changing technology gives us new ways to record and play music. Twenty years ago, musicians typically made music in recording studios and we listened to it on CDs. A few years later, more musicians used their laptops and we used MP3 players to listen. Now everyone can use smartphones. ¹ So, how will technology change the music industry in the future?

Music videos are a great way to tell a story about a song. In future, we'll watch music videos in virtual reality and be a part of that story. We'll also regularly watch live virtual reality concerts from our own homes. We'll put on our headset just before the concert starts and be ready to go. Virtual reality concerts might not be common at the moment. ² If successful, these concerts are likely to become very popular.

Musicians are always looking for new ways to connect with listeners of their music. New technology, known as a 'block chain', will allow musicians to share new songs directly with fans. ³ This means musicians will no longer lose money through file sharing. Some artists are going to try out this technology soon.

Finally, we won't only listen to music made by humans. It'll be possible for a machine to learn how to write songs too. ⁴ It'll need us to help it so it'll be a team activity. Humans and machines will work together to produce, hopefully, great music.

Of course, the great thing about the future is that none of us really knows what will happen. In the past, people predicted no more guitar bands, no more rock music and no more radio. ⁵ What we do know about the future is that, with all these incredible developments in technology, music's going to be exciting!



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willWe use **will**:**A** for predictions based on our personal opinions.I think the music I like **will change** in future.**B** for offers and immediate decisions.Don't worry, I'll **lend** you some money for the concert ticket.It's quiet in here. I'll **put** some music on.**going to**We use **going to**:**C** for intentions or things we're planning (but we haven't decided the details yet).The boys **are going to start** their own band.**D** for predictions based on outside information.You don't like rap, so you **aren't going to like** this song.**present continuous****E** We use the present continuous for arrangements with other people (we've agreed when, where etc.).I'm **meeting** Abi at the concert at 8 p.m.**present simple****F** We use the present simple for scheduled or timetabled events.The concert **finishes** late tonight.

3- WRITE THE OPTION YOU CHOOSE:

- 1 In the future I think people **are listening / will listen** to music the same way as they do now.
- 2 I listen to pop music but in the future I think it **will change / changes** to opera.
- 3 I'm not sure, so **I probably / I'll probably** watch TV with my family.
- 4 I don't think my music taste **is changing / will change**.
- 5 I think I **will change / change** my style of music in the future.
- 6 I'm **meeting / I'll meet** my uncle for lunch and **we'll go / we're going** to a Turkish restaurant.
- 7 I think more people **are starting / will start** listening to vinyls again.
- 8 Tonight I **go / am going to go** out with my friends to the cinema.
- 9 I **meet / I'm meeting** a friend for lunch in town.
- 10 Tonight I'll **iron / I'm going to iron** my clothes.

4- WRITE THE OPTION YOU CHOOSE:

4 Read the article. Choose the correct verb forms to complete it.

A NEW TYPE OF ROCK STAR

On Friday, rock star Hatsune Miku **1start / starts** a tour of Japan, where she'll sing and dance. Thousands of fans **2are / is** going to her concerts. **3They'll / They won't** scream and call her name because they love her. This doesn't sound unusual for rock concerts, but it is, because Miku isn't real. She's a hologram, which is created by a computer program. Because the technology is possible now, experts believe more concerts like this **4are / aren't** going to take place in future. Miku isn't **5go / going to go** away any time soon and it's likely that new holograms will **6come / to come** along and be even more popular than her in future.

5- COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE VERB IN THE MOST APPROPRIATE FUTURE FORM.

3 Complete the sentences with the most appropriate future form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 We (meet) Nick at school in five minutes.
- 2 I think you (be) tired tonight. You've been busy all day.
- 3 The train (leave) at 12.35, so we've got thirty minutes to get there.
- 4 My grandparents (come) to visit us tomorrow.
- 5 Watch out! The cat (jump) on you.
- 6 The dog wants to go for a walk. I (take) him.
- 7 Where (you/meet) your cousin tonight?
- 8 The concert (start) at 8 p.m., so don't be late.