## How Does Science Fiction Predict Future?

Science fiction introduces us to the unreal worlds that often sound like a dream. But humanity made huge technological progress over the past 100 years, and science fiction **predicted** many of the ideas.

### The Lunar Landing

In his 1865 book, *From the Earth to the Moon*, Jules Verne **described lunar landing**, which took place in 1969.

### Surveillance cameras

George Orwell's 1949 novel *1984* predicted many aspects of today's modern world. George Orwell described the mass **surveillance** cameras in his book, and half a century later it became part of the real world.

### Credit and debit cards

Even what you pay with on was predicted over a century ago. Edward Bellamy introduced the term 'credit card' to the world in his 1888 novel *Looking Backward*. The people of his future didn't use paper money; they all had a card that they paid with.

### Wireless headphones/earphones

In his 1953 novel, *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury described portable audio devices as "little seashells". They became available over **decade** ago.

### Virtual assistants and tablets

In the 1968 novel *2001: A Space Odyssey*, Arthur C. Clarke wrote about an electronic paper that people in this world read.

He also described the **voice-activated** super computer that resembles the **voice-activated** virtual **assistants** that are now a part of many homes and businesses.

1. **Write the titles of thebooks mentioned in the text.**

2. **Match the author and the technology/fact this author predicted**

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| Jules Verne | tablet |
| George Orwell | lunar landing |
| Edward Bellamy | wireless earphones |

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| Ray Bradbury | surveillance cameras |
| Arthur C. Clarke | credit card |

**3. Answer the questions**

Who described the lunar landing?

When did the actual lunar landing take place?

What did George Orwell predict?

How did Ray Bradbury describe wireless earphones?

Who predicted the invention of tablet?

In which book were the credit cards described?