

THE STUFF OF SCIENCE FICTION

VOCABULARY: Complete the sentences with the words from the list. Please, note that there are 3 words extra and some changes may be necessary.

Worst-case scenario / unforeseen / far-fetched / futurist / see it coming / foreseeable / stuff of science-fiction / disbelief / remain to be seen / circumspection / alarmist

1. Scientists have been working on a cure for this disease, so the creation of a vaccine didn't surprise me. I _____.
2. I believe that an eventual contact with aliens could have _____ consequences for humans. That's why many people advise not to try to get in touch with them.
3. That's the ideal situation, but we should also consider the _____. That way, we'll be ready to face any problems that may arise.
4. I think that further development of AI should be approached with extreme _____. We never know if our own creation may turn against us.
5. These technological developments are apparently beneficial to the humankind, but their long-term implications _____.
6. The idea of robots taking over the world is totally _____. It will never happen!
7. We should never believe an idea it's impossible. 200 years ago, people believed that landing on the moon was _____, but it was made possible.
8. I don't think we will be able to colonize other planets in the _____ future. It'll take much longer to achieve such a thing.

GRAMMAR: Correct the mistakes in the following sentences. Please, note that one sentence contains no mistakes. In this case, write "correct".

1. People definitely will teleport in the future.

2. I think that a device that erases unwanted memories is unlikely happen.

3. Flying cars may turn into reality in the near future.

4. The discovery of an alien civilization won't certainly happen in the foreseeable future.

5. Humans are bound to colonize other planets once the technology is developed.

6. We believe that it is likely that humans and animals are able to communicate in the future.

VIDEO: Watch to the video and classify these future developments into the two categories based on the information you hear.

Time travel

Drones flying over the airspace

Cloning organs

Flying cars

Teleport

Altering DNA in babies

Computer-made art

Living longer

Planet Colonization

Robots taking care of the elderly

Weather control

Most Americans believe this
will probably happen

Most Americans believe this
definitely won't happen

Most Americans like the
idea of this happening

Most Americans dislike the
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