

1 Complete the article. There are two extra questions.

Brave new world

Scientist Dr Belinda Smith answers our questions.

1

In the future we won't have many of today's devices. We won't need televisions, DVD players, game consoles or remote controls. Homes will have computer screens on the walls and we will be able to give them instructions by speaking to them. We will be able to watch programmes and films, play games and do all our work on them. We will have bendy smartphones. These will be able to do many more things than today's phones.

2

People won't travel a lot. They will stay at home and have virtual holidays: they will see amazing new places on their computer screens and they will even be able to smell them! A few people will go to other countries for business by train. They won't use cars or planes because these cause too much pollution.

3

Children will go to school. They need to be with children their own age and they also need to learn from adults. They will learn many of the same subjects children learn today but there will also be new knowledge about space and science.



- a Will people still go on holiday?
- b What will education be like?
- c Will most people work from home?
- d What will the technological devices of the future be?
- e Will all children have virtual teachers?



2 Read the article in Exercise 1 again and answer *True (T)*, *False (F)* or *Don't know (DK)*.

- 1 We won't need remote controls because we will be able to talk to computers. T
- 2 We won't be able to watch films in the future.
- 3 We will be able to communicate faster with the phones of the future.
- 4 Some people will travel for their work.
- 5 There won't be any new forms of transport in the future.
- 6 All school subjects will be different.