

Exploring the topic

What do you think will happen to the Earth?

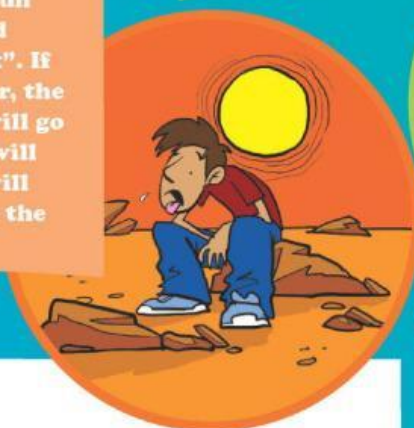
Here are some expert theories about the Earth's future.

A We know that North America and South America are slowly moving closer to Asia. Some experts say that one day the Earth's continents will join together to make one big country. If the continents join together, maybe we'll all learn to speak the same language!

B Other people say that if we continue to litter, and we pollute the air and oceans, we'll have a big problem in the future. A lot of animals and fish will die. Some will become extinct. Others will learn to adapt to a new environment. For example, if we pollute the oceans and there is no food for the fish, some fish will learn to fly to catch food.



C In the far distant future, some experts say the Sun will become hotter and hotter, a big "red giant". If the Sun becomes hotter, the Earth's temperature will go up. The snow and ice will melt, and the oceans will evaporate. Will this be the end of life on Earth?



D Other people think the Earth will move away from the Sun and become colder. If the Earth becomes colder, the snow and ice won't melt. Children will ski to school.



E Some experts are worried that we will use up all of the fossil fuels on the Earth. If there is no more fuel on Earth, people will probably have to go to live on other planets.

Reading

1 Read and listen to the article. Write the paragraph letter next to the sentences.

- 1 We will be very cold. D
- 2 Animals will change. _____
- 3 People will live on other planets. _____
- 4 We won't have seven separate continents. _____
- 5 We will be very hot. _____

2 Read again. Fill in the blanks with the words below.

become hotter die evaporate
join together live on other planets ski

- 1 The continents will probably join together.
- 2 If we don't stop polluting, a lot of animals and fish will _____.
- 3 People will probably have to go to _____.
- 4 The Sun will _____.
- 5 If the temperature goes up, the oceans will _____.
- 6 Children will _____ to school!

3 Answer the questions.

- 1 Which three continents does the text mention?
North America, South America, Asia
- 2 What will happen if the continents join together?
_____.
- 3 How will some fish adapt to changes?
_____.
- 4 What will go up if the Sun becomes hotter?
_____.
- 5 What are experts worried about?
_____.