

glossary

Past, present and future Pasado, presente y futuro

Lee atentamente este glosario de actividades del pasado, presente y futuro.



TRANSPORTATION

In the past, people traveled long distances by horse and carriage. **Nowadays**, we drive really fast in modern air conditioned cars.

WOMEN'S CLOTHES

A century ago, women wore long dresses. **Right now**, they are showing their navels and wearing very short tops.



COMMUNICATIONS

Not many years ago, secretaries used to type in typewriters. **Today**, many people have computers at home. And most people are going to have computers at home **in the next few years**.



MEN'S CLOTHES

About 100 years ago, men wore knit swimsuits. **In a near future**, men worldwide are probably going to show off their latest daring swimwear on the beach.

PAST

In the past, not many people **lived** here.

En el pasado, no vivía mucha gente aquí.

People **used to shop** at grocery stores.

La gente solía comprar en almacenes (despensas).

Fifty years ago, people **lived** to around sixty.

Hace 50 años, la gente vivía aproximadamente hasta los 60 años.

PRESENT

These days, the population **is growing** fast.

En estos días, la población está creciendo rápidamente.

Today, people **shop** at supermarkets.

Hoy, la gente compra en supermercados.

Nowadays, people **live** to about seventy-five.

Hoy en día, la gente vive hasta los 75 años aproximadamente.

FUTURE

Soon, there **will be** a lot of high-rise apartments.

Pronto, habrá muchos edificios de departamentos.

In twenty years, people **might buy** groceries by computer.

Dentro de 20 años, la gente podría comprar productos de almacén por computadora.

In the future, people **are going to live** even longer.

En el futuro, la gente vivirá más tiempo aún.

exercises

Activity 56: En este ejercicio debes COMBINAR el comienzo de las oraciones (primera columna) con el FINAL (segunda columna). SELECCIONA del menú en rojo el NUMERO del final con el cual combina cada una de ellas. ANTES DE INICIAR el ejercicio, te sugerimos repasar el cuadro anterior de contrastes temporales **para seleccionar el tiempo verbal correspondiente**. Verifica luego las respuestas correctas ...

A Before the automobile ...

1 v

B Before there were supermarkets ...

1 v

C About five hundred years ago ...

1 v

D In most offices today ...

1 v

E In many cities nowadays ...

1 v

F Soon ...

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G In the next hundred years ...

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H Sometime in the future ...

1 v

1 people used to shop at small stores.

2 pollution is becoming a serious problem.

3 most people are going to work at home.

4 people didn't travel as much from city to city.

5 there will probably be cities in space.

6 people work more than forty hours a week.

7 people played the first game of golf.

8 they might find a cure for the common cold.