Vinculación – Reading Reinforcement

English Foreign Language

Name: **Date:**

Instruction: Read the passage and complete the table related to it.

Reading:

Into the unknown

In December 1900, at the start of the 20th century, an American civil engineer and journalist called John Elfreth Watkins wrote a piece entitled 'What May Happen in the Next Hundred Years', which was published in an American women's magazine, Ladies' Home Journal.

He began the article with the words: 'These prophecies will seem strange, almost impossible,' explaining that he had consulted the country's 'greatest institutions of science and learning' for their opinions on 29 topics.

Nearly 120 years later, his predictions became a viral internet hit because of the accuracy of some of them.

1. Photographs will be telegraphed from any distance. If there is battle in China a hundred years hence, snapshots of its most striking events will be published in the newspapers an hour later. Photographs will reproduce all of nature's colours.
2. There will be no C. X or Q in our everyday alphabet. They will be abandoned because they are unnecessary.
3. Wireless telephone and telegraph circuits will span the world. A husband in the middle of the Atlantic will be able to converse with his wife sitting in her boudoir in Chicago. We will be able to telephone to China quite as readily as we now talk from New York to Brooklyn.
4. Man will see around the world. Persons and things of all kinds will be brought within focus of cameras connected electrically with screens at opposite ends of circuits, thousands of miles apart.
5. All fast traffic will be below or above ground when brought within city limits.
6. Trains will run 2 miles a minute normally. Express trains will travel at one hundred and fifty miles per hour (240 kilometres per hour).
7. Mosquitoes, houseflies and cockroaches will have been exterminated.

Read the passage again and complete the table below.

Note: Write one word, no numbers, to complete each section of the table.
Example:

"Lucy was 16 by the time she won a medal with her basketball team at the nationals. Similarly, her sister passed her entrance exam at Oxford university when she was 19."

Action	Context
Passed an exam	She was nineteen at Oxford university.

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Won a medal	She was 16 at the nationals.

Time to Work!

Subject of the prophecy	**Characteristics**
Trains	Will _____ _____ miles per minute
_____ _____ and _____ circuits	Will connect a person from one place of the world to the other.
_____, _____, and _____	Will have been exterminated.
Photographs	Will _____ _____ from any distance.
All _____ _____	Will be below or above ground.
Man	Will _____ around the _____ through cameras connected _____ thousands of miles apart.
Letters _____, _____, or _____from the alphabet	Will be abandoned because they are unnecessary.
John Elfreth Watkins	_____ a _____ entitled 'What May Happen in the Next Hundred Years'

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