

# 2 | Listening Test

## Inventions of the Future

### Introduction

In this radio programme, you're going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

**come up with:** proposar, suggerir / proponer, sugerir  
**hop:** bot, salt / bote, salto  
**drop:** renunciar a, abandonar / renunciar a, abandonar

**put up with:** aguantar, suportar / aguantar, soportar  
**rather:** molt, bastant / muy, bastante  
**wand:** vareta màgica / varita mágica

Ready? Now read the questions slowly before listening to the radio programme.

Richard: Welcome to *The Future*. Every week we discuss new issues about the future of our world. I'm Richard Dawn, your host, and today we're joined by Dr Belinda Bell, who's going to tell us about some interesting ideas for inventions of the future. Hello, Dr Bell.

Dr Bell: Good afternoon.

Richard: Dr Bell, scientists are constantly trying out new ideas for inventions. Some of the things they come up with are quite amazing. Can you tell us about some of them?

[Now listen to the rest of the radio programme.]

Choose the most appropriate answer according to the recording. Only ONE answer is correct.

Look at number 0 as an example. [0.25 points each correct answer.

Wrong answers will be penalized by deducting 0.08 points.

There is no penalty for unanswered questions.]

**0 Richard Dawn tells his listeners that ...**

- a. Dr Bell has got some interesting ideas
- b. **some ideas for future inventions are amazing**
- c. scientists have a hard time finding new ideas for future inventions
- d. Dr Bell is an amazing scientist

**1 The Autoplane was ...**

- a. the first flying car that was invented
- b. the first flying car that flew long distances
- c. invented by Dr Bell
- d. the car people used in the year 1917

**2 The Aerocar was ...**

- a. designed to fly first, then drive and then fly again
- b. designed to drive first, then fly and then drive again
- c. invented about 90 years ago
- d. marketed by the Ford company

**3 Paul Moller's Skycar ...**

- a. costs \$60,000 at the moment
- b. costs \$600,000 at the moment
- c. costs millions of dollars
- d. reaches the speed of 600 kilometres per hour

**4 If the Weather Wand is really invented, it won't ...**

- a. blow away pollution
- b. be used by politicians
- c. be sunny during the day
- d. rain during the day

**5 The host of the programme ...**

- a. thinks the flying car is a strange idea
- b. thinks the Weather Wand is a bad idea
- c. expects the Weather Wand to be invented soon
- d. doesn't believe the Weather Wand will be invented

**6 People who use the Instant Sleep Chamber will feel like they ...**

- a. have slept for several hours
- b. have slept for only a few seconds
- c. fell asleep after a very long time
- d. haven't slept at all

**7 If you use the Instant Sleep Chamber, you'll probably ...**

- a. sleep for seven or eight hours
- b. spend more time sleeping and less time working
- c. spend less time sleeping
- d. hear people say that they just haven't got time

**8 Dr Bell does NOT think that ...**

- a. there is any type of movement in space
- b. experiments have been done on time travel
- c. a time travel machine is a type of invention
- d. there will be a time machine in the future