

5 Making arrangements

T 5.3 Complete the conversation with the Present Continuous form of the verbs in the box.

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| invite | drive | have | make | stay |
| get | bring | give | travel | deliver |



- A Can you keep a secret?
 B Yes, of course. What is it?
 A I (1) 'm having a surprise party for Rosa next Saturday. It's her thirtieth birthday.
 B A surprise party! That'll be difficult to arrange without her knowing. Who (2) _____ you _____?

- A Everybody. All our friends, her friends from work, all her family, even her two aunts from Scotland. They (3) _____ down on Friday evening and they (4) _____ her cousins with them.
 B What about the food and drink? Where (5) _____ you _____ that from?
 A It's all arranged. Marcello's restaurant (6) _____ all kinds of food and drink on Saturday afternoon, and their chef (7) _____ even _____ a special birthday cake with pink icing and sugar flowers.
 B Excellent! And what (8) _____ you _____ Rosa for her birthday? Have you got her a good present?
 A Oh yes! I've booked a very special holiday. A week for two in Bali! We (9) _____ first class and (10) _____ in a five-star hotel.
 B That's a great idea. Very clever! I can see that you're going to enjoy her birthday, too! Am I invited to this party?
 A Of course. But keep it a secret!

Ex.2. Complete the text about driverless cars using future verb forms a-j.

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| a) may cause | b) won't be possible | c) not going to be | d) are launching | e) won't take |
| g) could be avoided | h) might wait | i) won't be able to relax | j) will reduce | k) will need |

The future of driverless cars is fast becoming a reality. All the major car companies have plans to produce them — BMW, for example, have announced that they D a self-driving model in 2021.

But drivers of the first self-driving cars _____ and watch a video. Unfortunately, these cars can still get confused about what they're seeing, and a human driver _____ to take control sometimes. This is clearly necessary — the test driver of an early Tesla car on Autopilot died in a crash while watching a Harry Potter DVD.

Accidents such as these _____ people to reject the idea of driverless cars altogether.

However, it's predicted that driverless cars _____ accidents by 90%, and so millions of deaths _____ in future.

Most experts agree that we _____ true driverless cars on our roads until after 2030. Even then, it _____ to drive anywhere you want. Driverless cars need extremely accurate digital maps, and it's _____ easy to produce these for all areas, particularly in the countryside.

Another problem is that self-driving cars can be too careful. They _____ enough risks and _____ too long for clear openings in the traffic, which could cause even bigger traffic jams!

Ex.3. Complete the questions for these answers about driverless cars.

1. *What is fast becoming a reality?* — The future of driverless cars.
2. a self-driving model? — In 2021.
3. drivers of the first self-driving cars? — Relax and watch a video.
4. human drivers? — Take control sometimes.
5. How many deaths in future? — Millions.
6. too long for? — Clear openings in the traffic.



Features of Self-Driving Cars You're Unaware Of

While most of us may not have access to self-driving technology in cars, the line of difference between a regular car and a self-driving car is blurring. Many operators are equipping their models with sensors, GPS, sonar and laser technologies to assist automated functions; automatic braking, cruise control feature, collision avoidance, lane detection, 360-degree camera view, etc. By 2020, over 10 million vehicles are expected to be driving on roads across the globe with self-driving features.