

CITY LIFE FUTURE TIME
READING TIME

What do you imagine cities will be like in the future? Will we have smart buildings and flying cars? Or robots that will pick up our rubbish? What about schools? Will we still travel to school or will we study online from home? Perhaps all the buildings and roads will be underground and we'll just have parks and cycle lanes above. Maybe ... or maybe not, but what we do know is that in the future, cities are going to have more and more people living in them. More than half the world's people already live in cities, and by 2050, cities will become home to about 6.5 billion people. That's a lot of people and very little space! More people means that we're going to have more pollution, traffic and noise. It also means that we'll need more homes, schools, hospitals, jobs and transport. We'll need more resources, like water and energy, and more ways to grow food too. Oh, and more parks to play in! Many cities are already planning for the future. For example, Bristol is a cycling city in England. You can hire a bike (instead of taking a car or bus) and ride in cycle lanes which are separated from the traffic. In Singapore, people are looking 'up' to grow food! To save space, they grow vegetables in lots of layers in special tall buildings, called 'vertical farms'. And in Amsterdam in the Netherlands, there are 'floating houses' built on water instead of on land! What do you think city life will be like in the future?

1. What does the reading suggest about buildings and roads in the future? _____

- a) They are going to disappear completely.
- b) They will be underground with parks above.
- c) They will be built only in small towns.
- d) They are going to be made of wood.

2. What might help clean cities in the future? _____

- a) Flying buses
- b) Smart teachers
- c) Robots that will pick up rubbish
- d) Underground trains

3. How might students study in the future? _____

- a) They will only study abroad.
- b) They are going to stop studying.
- c) They will study only at night.
- d) They might study online from home.

4. How many people will live in cities by 2050? _____

- a) About 2 billion
- b) About 4 billion
- c) About 6.5 billion
- d) About 10 billion



5. What problems are cities going to have with more people? _____

- a) Less water and fewer schools
- b) More pollution, traffic, and noise
- c) More mountains and rivers
- d) Fewer jobs and hospitals



6. What will cities need more of in the future? _____

- a) Farms in the countryside only
- b) Airports in every neighborhood
- c) Homes, schools, hospitals, jobs, and transport
- d) Fewer parks and playgrounds

7. Why will cities need more water and energy? _____

- a) Because fewer people are living there
- b) Because cities are going to be empty
- c) Because more people will live in cities
- d) Because there will be no food

8. What is special about Bristol in England? _____

- a) It is building floating houses.
- b) It is a cycling city with separated cycle lanes.
- c) It grows food in vertical farms.
- d) It has underground parks.



9. How do people save space in Singapore? _____

- a) They build houses under the sea.
- b) They grow vegetables in vertical farms.
- c) They stop growing food.
- d) They import all their food.

10. What is unique about houses in Amsterdam? _____

- a) They are built underground.
- b) They are made of glass.
- c) They are floating houses built on water.
- d) They are built on mountains.