



## WILL FUTURE

Read the predictions for the future. Match each one with the people in the pictures. Then, listen and check your answers.



- 1 'I think they'll have special machines that do X-rays of cars so that when they break down, we can find out immediately what's wrong with them.'
- 2 'I reckon that one day we'll be able to totally control the weather. We won't have any more bad storms and hurricanes any more.'
- 3 'One day, there won't be any real toys any more. Kids will play with virtual toys. I think that'll be very sad.'
- 4 'I'm sure one day scientists will invent little robots that are so cheap we can all afford to buy one and keep it at home to help in the house and stuff.'
- 5 'In the future, there will be some great inventions. I bet very rich people will have their own personal space rockets so they can fly off into space whenever they feel like it!'



Read the text about different ways to predict the future. Then, answer the questions.

# FORTUNE TELLING

Everyone wants to know the answer to questions like: Will I have a lot of money? Will I be happy and healthy? That's why fortune telling is so popular. There are hundreds of different ways of telling the future – here are just a few.

## ASTROLOGY

Astrology is centuries old. The idea is that the position of the stars when you are born has an influence on your personality, and is also important for predicting your future. These predictions are called horoscopes. Most newspapers and magazines have horoscope sections. Many people read them, but not everyone believes the predictions will come true.

## PALMISTRY

In palmistry, the idea is that the lines on the palm of your hand can tell you things about your future. Palmistry is thousands of years old. A lot of people think it is nonsense. However, some doctors say that the lines on your palm really can tell you something about your health. But, they don't think that they can tell you about your future!

## FORTUNE COOKIES

Fortune cookies are popular in Chinese restaurants around the world (but not in mainland China!). The cookies have a piece of paper inside. The paper usually has a wise saying and some lucky numbers on it – and this is the 'fortune'. They are a modern invention. Most people know that fortune cookies cannot really tell their future, but lots of people like reading them.

## READING TEA LEAVES

Some people say that you can predict the future by reading tea leaves from your teacup. To do this, make a pot of tea. Then pour the tea into a cup. Make sure some tea leaves fall into the cup too. Empty the cup so that the tea leaves are still at the bottom. The position and shape of the leaves in the cup will tell you your future!

These are only four ways of predicting the future. Are any of them reliable? Well, probably not. But we can make one sure prediction: people will always want to know about their future.

Which method of fortune telling...

- uses part of your hand?
- looks at when a person was born?
- includes numbers?
- uses a drink?
- can give information about your health?
- is new?
- is in newspapers or magazines?
- is the oldest?

Read the text again and write the words in the correct column. Which of these words is related to each method?

*biscuits - cup - hand - horoscope - lines - newspaper - paper - pot - restaurant - stars*

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Matt is visiting a fortune teller. The pictures show what she sees in her crystal ball. Complete her predictions for Matt's future. Use **WILL** or **WON'T** and the verbs from the list.



*be - be - become - drive - get - go - have - live*

- 1) You ..... to university and you ..... a vet.
- 2) You ..... rich but you ..... famous.
- 3) You ..... in a mansion but you ..... an expensive car.
- 4) You ..... married but you ..... children.