

Listening

⊙ 4.17 You are going to listen to an interview with the author of a book about the future. Read the questions below, then listen to the interview and choose the correct answers.

1 Why does the interviewer say that Sylvia's book is different?

- A It's about the future.
- B It includes unusual ideas.
- C It isn't pessimistic.

2 Sylvia thinks that:

- A there are too many books about the future.
- B people are bored of books with negative predictions about the future.
- C people don't worry about the future.

3 What medical advance will change our lives?

- A New drugs will get rid of pain altogether.
- B All serious diseases will have disappeared.
- C We won't need to go to the dentist's any more.

4 By 2050, most people will be vegetarians because:

- A it is healthier.
- B they won't be able to afford to eat fish.
- C there won't be any fish left and meat will be too expensive.

5 How will food production change?

- A Vertical farms in cities will produce food for the world's population.
- B Traditional farms will disappear.
- C We will only eat food that is produced locally.

6 What sort of tourism will develop at first?

- A Luxury long-distance tours.
- B Local holidays.
- C Healthy outdoor holidays.

7 How will city transport change?

- A There will be 'share cars' for people to use.
- B Everyone will use their own cars.
- C Everyone will use public transport.

8 What source of energy will 'share cars' use?

- A New forms of clean energy.
- B Electricity.
- C Solar power.

9 How will transport develop in fifty years' time?

- A New systems will allow people to travel long-distance again.
- B Round-the-world trips will come back into fashion.
- C High-speed trains will replace flying.

10 What leisure facility does Sylvia think will exist in the future?

- A Safari parks with wild animals.
- B Environmentally friendly activities.
- C Nature parks under the sea.