

“ENJOY READING SHORT TALES”

READING POSTTEST

READING FOR MAIN IDEAS

LIVING IN THE FUTURE

Paragraph A:

Futurologists says *“picture this situation, you wake up in the morning. A soft light turns on in your room. You go into the bathroom and the shower starts. The water is the perfect temperature. After your shower, you go into the kitchen. Your favorite breakfast is already cooked, and it’s on the table with your medicine, ready to eat. Now it’s time to go to work. It’s a rainy day. You live alone, but you find that your umbrella and hat are already by the door”.*

Paragraph B:

This technology is possible because of tiny information-storing devices called RFID chips. People already use them to keep track of pets and farm animals. Future RFID chips will store information about all the items in your cabinets. For example, they will record the date that you bought each item. Other devices will “read” this information using radio waves. When you need more food, your cabinets will tell you to buy it. Technology will allow homes in the future to be “smart.” Your stove, for instance, will tell you when your food is cooked and ready to eat. Refrigerators will suggest recipes based on food items you already have.

Paragraph C:

Are you tired of the color or pattern of your walls? In a smart home, you won’t have to repaint them. The walls will actually be digital screens, like computer or TV screens. The technology is called OLED, and it’s here already. OLEDs are tiny devices that use electricity to light things. You can find the same technology in today’s thin TV screens. OLED walls will become clear, like windows, or display colors and patterns, like walls. A computer network will link these walls with everything else in your house.

Paragraph D:

This computer “brain” will control your entire house. It will also adapt to your preferences. Your house will learn about your likes and dislikes. It will then use that knowledge to control the environment. For example, it will set the heat in the house to your favorite temperature. It will turn on the shower at the right temperature. It will also darken the windows at night and lighten them when it’s time to wake up. How soon will this smart home be a reality? There’s a good chance it will be a part of your life in 25 or 30 years, perhaps sooner. Much of the technology is already here.

A. Match the main idea to the correct paragraphs from the reading (A–D).

1. An electronic system will make your house more comfortable according to specific information.
2. This technology will allow parts of the house to communicate with us.
3. This device will change the way your house looks inside.
4. This technology will help people and take care of people.