

Grammar

A. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. If technology will continue / continues to have a great impact on our lives, everything will be very different in the future.
2. Business people will travel less if more of them may communicate / communicate by video conferencing.
3. We use / may use out computers as therapists one day.
4. We might miss having coins and bills if they become / will become obsolete one day.
5. I think paper bills are going to disappear / disappear because everyone makes payments through their phones now.
6. Surgeons won't need / might not need to perform risky transplant operations in the future, but I'm not sure.
7. I think people are going to be doing / are doing most of their shopping online in the near future.
8. The world is looking / will look very different in twenty years.
9. Everybody might be building / can build very energy-efficient houses in the future.
10. Most people can be doing / are going to be doing their shopping online in ten years' time.

B. Click on the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. _____ you hear me at the back?
2. Oh no, the computer _____ start! Now I can't do my presentation.
3. _____ I ask a question?
4. We have moved the chairs now, so everybody _____ be able to see the screen.
5. You _____ want to have a quick look at theses statistics before we start.
6. _____ somebody help me give out the worksheets, please?
7. Don't worry, I _____ you if there's anything you don't understand.
8. Oh no – I think the computer _____ crash. That would be a disaster!
9. We _____ turn off the projector before we leave, or it might overheat and cause a fire.
10. This _____ be the right room – I recognize some of my colleagues.

Vocabulary

C. Complete the excerpts of a presentation. Choose the correct expression from the box.

I'll allow	There should be	Would someone	will	I'll turn it over to
must be	Can you all see	Let's look at		

" _____ my screen? Great. _____ a handout under your seats. _____ page 1. Today, we're going to talk about how to encourage a good work environment. _____ turn off the lights, please? Thanks. Here's the first slide... oh wait. The presentation _____ opening, just a second. Ready, I _____ make it bigger ..."

"... Ok, _____ time for some questions."

"Thank you for your attention, that's all we have time for. _____ Jessica."

D. Match the nouns with the definitions. Put the letters next to the definitions. There is one definition which you do not need to use.

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| 1. climatologist | a. a person who buys or uses things |
| 2. consumer | b. a person who has to leave their country because of war or natural disasters |
| 3. inventor | c. someone who sells things |
| 4. refugee | d. someone who has ideas for and creates new things |
| 5. retailer | e. a scientist who studies how weather conditions change over time |
| 6. victim | f. someone who is hurt in an accident or by a crime |
| | g. a person who studies how economies work |

Conversation strategy

E. Complete the conversation. Choose the correct expression from the box. There is one expression that you do not need to use.

Gloria: What are you reading, Daisy?.

Daisy: An article about travel – how it may change in the next few years.

Gloria: _____ things will be very different in ten years or so.

Daisy: Yeah – it says here that gas prices will probably go up a lot more, so people will have to stop using their cars.

Gloria: _____ that will happen soon – I mean, people couldn't manage without their cars, could they?

Daisy: _____. You're right – it's hard to imagine life without them.

- a) I guess not
- b) I'd imagine
- c) I think so
- d) I don't think so

Listening

F. Listen to a man and a woman talking about the future of money. Check true or false for each sentence.

True False

1. The woman can lend the man the money this afternoon.
2. The man agrees that he often loses his cell phone.
3. The woman thinks people will be keeping their bank cards for a long time.
4. The man is going to text his friend to say happy birthday.

Writing

G. What is happiness and what is not? Can it be defined or quantified? Should it be a person's or community's life goal? If so, how would you find it? Write an essay discussing these topics. Use phrases to add ideas in writing. Write from 60 – 70 words.

Reading

H. Read the article. Then read the statements and check “True”, “False” or “Not given” if the information is not given.

Books in the digital age

When people complain that “real” books will disappear in the future, and that we will all become less intelligent as a result, they are forgetting a key point: Digital media can actually increase our pleasure in reading. Although they may well be read on a screen and rarely be printed on paper, digital books let you join online discussions, fact-check, and even decide how the story will develop. You’ll be able to link to current news stories about your book, read up on debates it has started, and check its accuracy through a community-run fact-checking feature.

In the future, special book networks (online book clubs) are likely to help people keep up with the latest must-reads. For example, they could suggest books based on what people in your workplace are reading. If enough employees buy a book, it could automatically become available in a company’s digital library.

Some people might wonder how you can enjoy the art of a story when you’re constantly distracted away from it, but the truth is that books have been interactive for a long time. Think of Shakespeare’s work, which is almost always accompanied by notes explaining the language – this would just be the next logical step. So don’t worry, books are here to stay, they will just be even better.

True False Not given

1. Some people say that people will not be as smart in the future as they are now.
2. According to the writer, digital media can make reading more enjoyable.
3. Digital books will mostly be printed out to read.
4. Online books will allow you to easily contact the author of the book you’re reading.
5. The writer does not think that books have been interactive for a long time.