

11.3.1 SPEAKING SKILLS

EXPRESSING BELIEF AND DISBELIEF

A Choose the correct word. Then take turns practicing the conversations.

- A By 2030, everyone will be able to scan using their eyes.
B There's no **truth** / **right** in that!
- A I love to watch scary movies.
B Really? I've never watched one in my entire life, **believe** / **like** it or not.
- A Did you hear the story about the woman with three heads?
B You're so funny! **Tell** / **Don't tell** me another one.
- A Eating only green vegetables can actually reverse the signs of aging.
B Hmm. I find that **easy** / **hard** to believe.
- A So, that computer virus they warned us about was a hoax?
B Yes, I'm absolutely **positive** / **right** it was.
- A This story says that he lost his fortune because he was careless.
B There's probably some **truth** / **belief** in that.

B Take turns saying these rumors and expressing belief or disbelief about them with your partner(s).

Use the phrases in the box. Then create your own rumor!

- By 2030, we'll be able to text just by thinking.
- It won't be long before people will live on the moon.
- In the next 20 years, there will be no ice in the Arctic.
- Dinosaurs have been created in a lab somewhere, using DNA from fossils.
- The number of people who own electric cars will double in the next ten years.
- People will one day be able to live to be 150.
- By 2050, there won't be any clean water left in the world.
- One day, _____.

One day, people are going to be able to fly their own car into space!

USEFUL LANGUAGE

Yeah, right!
Tell me another one.
I find that hard to believe.
There's no truth in that.
Maybe there's some truth in it.
It's / That's partly true.
..., believe it or not.
I'm absolutely positive (that) ...

