

How do you imagine our future life?

READ ABOUT SUSAN'S OPINION ABOUT THE FUTURE AND DO THE EXERCISES BELOW.



In my opinion lots of things will change for us in the future: for example, there won't be any diseases or illnesses, so doctors will have to find new jobs. We won't get any older or uglier than we choose to, which may not be as simple as you think, because what age do you choose?

In the meantime, we will continue emitting dangerous levels of CO₂ from our cars, machines and factories, which will lead to more global warming and climate change. So we will have so many extreme weather conditions, such as droughts, storms

and floods, until we destroy our natural marine and forest habitats and we may not be able to grow crops to eat and eventually we won't be able to live here on Earth. This will mean we'll have to find new planets to inhabit and new ways of living on them without interacting with dangerous levels of heat, cold or poisonous gases around us.

Because of this, I think that social media will become very important and we'll stop interacting with people in real life and start to spend all our time at home living our lives online. If that happens, we'll lose the ability to talk to people face-to-face and we'll become obsessed with our virtual lives at the cost of our real ones.

Education too will all take place online and our teachers may even be robots and not real people. On the positive side, we won't need to do any exams because computers will be able to continuously test us to see if we have understood all the new things they teach us. I'm not sure how we will be able to play sport, it may be using games consoles like Wii, to test our reactions and our energy levels and correct any mistakes we make.

Shopping will be an online activity: people will view 3D images of the things they want to buy. It may also be possible to try on a pair of shoes or a coat before ordering it. And nobody will use banknotes anymore, because money will all be virtual and we will use our fingerprints to pay for everything.

Finally, we won't have to eat food anymore. Science will be able to give us the experience of eating, without having to take the time to prepare anything to eat! Well, that's what I think, anyway. How about you?

TRUE OR FALSE?

- 1 Susan thinks there will be many new diseases in the world. T/F
- 2 She thinks there will be more natural disasters. T/F
- 3 She thinks there may be problems living on other planets. T/F
- 4 She thinks people may lose the ability to live in the real world. T/F
- 5 She says going to school will be worse than now. T/F
- 6 She says we won't do much sport because we'll live virtual lives. T/F

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1 What will be difficult to do if we can decide how old we will look?

2 Which disasters will become more frequent?

3 What dangers may people face on other planets?

4 Why will students not need to do any exams?

5 How will we play sport?

6 How will we pay for the things we buy?

Write: *What's your opinion about the future?*