

A Day in Your Life – In the Year 2020

Scan the article. Then add the correct heading to each paragraph.

Communicating Shopping Relaxing Eating Getting Around Working

People used to know more or less how their children would live. Now things are changing so quickly that we don't even know what our own lives will be like in a few years. What follows is how experts see the future.



You're daydreaming behind the wheel of your car, but that's OK. You have it on automatic pilot, and with its high-tech computers, your car knows how to get you home safely.

After lunch, you go down the hall to your home office. Here you have everything you need to do your work. You never have to commute to work anymore.

You head for the kitchen when you get home. You ordered groceries by computer an hour ago, and they've been delivered. You paid for them before they arrived. The money was automatically deducted from your bank account. Nobody uses cash anymore.

Your information screen says that you've received a message from a co-worker in Brazil. You set your computer to translate Portuguese into English. Your co-worker's face appears on the screen, and the translation appears at the bottom.

What's for lunch? In the old days, you used to stop off to get a hamburger or pizza. Now you use your diagnostic machine to find out which foods your body needs. Your food-preparation machine makes you a salad.

You finish working and go back to your living room. You turn on the television and look through the list of new movies. It's like having a video store in your home. How about a classic tonight? Maybe *Back to the Future*?

A Read the article. Check (✓) True or False for each statement about the future. Then write true information for each false statement.

True False

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| ☐ | ☒ | 1. You need to pay attention while driving. <i>Your car has automatic pilot.</i> |
| ☐ | ☐ | 2. You pay for your groceries when they arrive. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 3. People don't use cash anymore. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 4. You usually buy a hamburger or pizza for lunch. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 5. You need to go to the office every day. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 6. You and your co-workers have to speak the same language. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 7. When you get a message, you can see the sender's face. |
| ☐ | ☐ | 8. You have to go to a video store to rent movies. |

B Pair work Which changes sound the most interesting? the most useful? Are there any changes that you don't like?