

**What is the meaning of the words?
- and what could be a clear example of them?**

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| 1 <u>bio</u> fuels | a very small |
| 2 <u>nano</u> technology | b very big |
| 3 <u>mega</u> cities | c extremely |
| 4 <u>micro</u> phone | d of life or living things |
| 5 <u>semi</u> -retired | e half |
| 6 <u>ultra</u> cautious | f $\times 10^{-9}$ |

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**Listen to the speaker and check if the ideas are
TRUE or FALSE?**



- 1 The speaker has some ideas for action which can immediately solve the problem of overpopulation. ☐
- 2 Paul Ehrlich thought that we should control the number of babies being born. ☐
- 3 There will be 7 billion people in the world by the middle of the century. ☐
- 4 Nanotechnology has saved the world from mass starvation. ☐
- 5 Earth does not have space for 9 billion people. ☐
- 6 The growth in the "global middle class" will put big pressure on resources. ☐
- 7 According to the speaker, people are basically lazy. ☐

1. "**It's highly likely** that advancements in technology will help manage population issues and reduce the risk of disasters."
2. "However, **it's quite possible** that unforeseen challenges could still arise despite technological progress."
3. "While **it's not out of the question that** technology will fail to address all issues, there's hope that solutions will be found."
4. "**It could go either way:** technology might solve the problems or new issues could emerge."
5. "**There's a slim chance** that technology alone will fully prevent disasters without additional measures."
6. "Relying solely on technology **is a long shot**; a combination of strategies may be needed for effective management."

This suggests that something is very probable.

This indicates that the outcome is uncertain and could turn out in more than one possible direction.

This suggests that something is very improbable.

Read the comments and use one of the expression to fill in the blank consider how likely or unlikely the idea is to happen?

1. "Technology is the answer to humanity's problems, but it's ____ that it will solve everything on its own."
2. "While technology has made significant strides, it's ____ that it will completely eliminate all issues."
3. "It's ____ that technology will address most of our challenges as it has done so far, we just have to remain cautious and keep working on it."
4. "It's ____ that technology will greatly improve our lives like has done medicine, transportation, and communication, so the setbacks might not be that harsh"
5. "The outcome of relying on technology ____; it might bring great benefits or create new problems."
6. "Although technology is promising, ____ that it will be the sole solution without any other interventions, as we see there is always a price to pay for it."

- a. highly likely
- b. a long shot
- c. could go either way
- d. quite possible
- e. slim chance
- f. it's not out of the question

Is technology the answer?

1. "It's highly likely that technology will offer significant solutions to many of our problems, but ..."
2. "While technology has potential, it's a long shot to think it will be"
3. "The impact of technology on solving our problems could go either way; it might or"
4. "It's quite possible that technology will address several of our challenges, but we should ..."
5. "There's a slim chance that technology alone will"
6. "It's not out of the question that technology could play a major role in finding solutions, but ..."

Let's use the expressions to describe possibility

1. Technology will improve medical science so this will continue working to extend life expectancy
2. Mass starvation might not have happened because science is constantly working on better seeds and pesticides to boost food production
3. Nanotechnology will offer cheaper food in the near future and better medical treatments
4. New megacities may not be nice places to live in because of the increase in resource consumption.
5. By 2030 many people will eat more processed food and will contaminate all natural resources which might be dangerous for human life on this planet
6. Mankind and science will bring new things to the future to cover their necessities