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THE CITY OF THE FUTURE

What would the world look like if everything was beautiful and green and robots and flying cars existed? Go to Dubai and you will see. The city of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates is moving into the future. How is it doing that? It's finding new ways to protect the environment, it's introducing new transport ideas and it's even changing the way it builds houses.

The Environment Protecting wildlife is important to the people of Dubai. The Green Planet, an indoor artificial rainforest, gives people the chance to see over 3,000 species of exotic rainforest animals and plants. The city is also building one of the largest parks in the world. This park will be part of Dubailand, one of the city's main entertainment areas, and it will include 55 playgrounds, 45 sports areas and over 7 km of nature trails.

Transport Dubai is using technology to change its transport system so fewer people are driving cars and damaging the environment. It has already built the longest self-driving train line in the world and it plans to make 25% of all public transport self-driving by 2030. In the future, people will even be using an app to book a flying taxi!

Housing Dubai has got some of the tallest buildings in the world and these buildings use solar energy. In addition, Dubai is building a new residential area with solar energy houses and has already built over 500 houses there. There are plans for a school and a hotel, too. The city of Dubai is constantly introducing new ideas and inventions. It used to be a small city in the desert, but now it's a city of technology and a city of the future.

1. Read the article and answer the following questions:

1 How is Dubai becoming a city of the future?

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2 How is the rainforest in Dubai different from other rainforests?

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3 What is special about the train line in Dubai?

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4 What is Dubai going to do by 2030?

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2. Choose if the following sentences are true (T) or false (F):

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| 1. The city of Dubai is not really evolving in technological terms | T | F |
| 2. The city has a big rainforest artificially created by people | T | F |
| 3. Dubailand is a natural park where people enjoy exotic animals | T | F |
| 4. Cars in Dubai will be driving without a human | T | F |
| 5. The highest buildings in Dubai can't use solar energy
because they are too tall | T | F |

3. Find synonyms to the following words in the text

- a) opportunity
- b) planet
- c) reserve
- d) highest
- e) tiny