

What life will be like in 2116

A new report shows what life might be like in 100 years from now. It describes skyscrapers that are much taller than today's buildings, underwater 'bubble' cities, and holidays in space. The report is from Samsung's Smart Things. It asked experts on space, architecture, and city planners to give their ideas on life in 2116. They said the way we live, work and play will be totally different to how we do these things today. The experts said that 25 years ago, people could not imagine how the Internet and smartphones would change our lives. The Internet has revolutionised the way we communicate, learn and do daily things. The experts said the changes in the next century would be even more unbelievable.

Researchers questioned 2,000 adults about the predictions they thought were most likely to happen in the future. They predicted that in the future, few people will go to an office but will work from home and have virtual work meetings. People will have advanced 3D printers that will let you download a design for furniture or a food recipe and then 'print' the sofa, table or pizza at home. There will also be less need for visits to the doctor. We will all have a home health capsule that will tell us what the problem is and give us treatment. We will also be going into space for holidays and to get resources that we have used up on Earth. A prediction that was missing was whether people would still need to study English.

BEFORE READING

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline.

Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- Buildings in the future will be shorter than today's buildings. **T / F**
- Experts say people will be living in underwater cities. **T / F**
- The report is from the tech company Apple. **T / F**
- Experts say the changes to come by 2116 will be unbelievable. **T / F**
- Researchers asked 20,000 people about the future. **T / F**
- People will be able to print download and print pizzas. **T / F**
- People won't need to go to the doctor as much as they do now. **T / F**
- People predicted that we will still need to study English. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. report | a. futuristic |
| 2. experts | b. completely |
| 3. totally | c. transformed |
| 4. revolutionised | d. finished |
| 5. unbelievable | e. study |
| 6. questioned | f. plan |
| 7. advanced | g. specialists |
| 8. design | h. medical care |
| 9. treatment | i. asked |
| 10. used up | j. incredible |



3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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|---|---------------------------|
| 1. what life might be like | a. way we communicate |
| 2. the way we live, work and play will | b. likely to happen |
| 3. people could not | c. even more unbelievable |
| 4. The Internet has revolutionised the | d. design |
| 5. changes in the next century would be | e. to study English |
| 6. predictions they thought were most | f. imagine how |
| 7. 3D | g. be totally different |
| 8. download a | h. printers |
| 9. tell us what the problem is and give | i. in 100 years from now |
| 10. people would still need | j. us treatment |

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

- Where will the bubble cities in the future be?
a) the USA b) under water c) in space d) in caves
- How many people did the researchers question?
a) 2,000 b) 12,000 c) 20,000 d) 22,000
- What company made the report?
a) McDonald's b) Google c) Apple d) Samsung
- What kind of planners gave their ideas on life in 2116?
a) city planners b) daily planners c) space planners d) design planners
- Who will people need to visit less in the future?
a) the doctor b) family c) friends d) old people
- What could we not have imagined 25 years ago about the Internet?
a) cyber-bullying b) how cheap it would be c) how it would change our lives d) that it would still be here
- Where will we be going to on holiday?
a) space b) Russia c) Antarctica d) cyberspace
- What did the experts say the changes in the next century would be?
a) small b) unbelievable c) gradual d) boring
- What language did people not make a prediction about?
a) Chinese b) Arabic c) Esperanto d) English
- What kind of meetings will we have at work in the future?
a) productive meetings b) busy meetings c) virtual meetings d) never-ending meetings



1. THE FUTURE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the future. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

report / 100 years from now / skyscrapers / smart things / architecture / experts / predictions / office / virtual / furniture / pizza / health / holidays in space / resources

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. PREDICTIONS: What are your predictions for the way we will live in 2116? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| Prediction | Good or Bad | Why ? |
|--------------|-------------|-------|
| English | | |
| Food | | |
| Smart phones | | |
| Environment | | |
| World peace | | |
| Your country | | |

4. Students: Student A strongly believes life in the year 2116 will be better than life today in 2016; Student B strongly believes the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. BETTER: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that will be better about the year 2116 at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- holidays • food • jobs • education
- peace • movies • friendships • pizza

6. REPORT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "report". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

GAP FILL

Fill-in the gaps with the words in the box

A new (1) _____ shows what life might be like in 100 years from now. It describes (2) _____ that are much taller than today's buildings, underwater 'bubble' cities, and holidays in (3) _____. The report is from Samsung's SmartThings. It asked experts on space, architecture, and city (4) _____ to give their ideas on life in 2116. They said the way we live, work and play will be totally different to how we do these things (5) _____. The experts said that 25 years ago, people could not imagine how the Internet and smartphones would change our (6) _____. The Internet has revolutionised the way we communicate, learn and do (7) _____ things. The experts said the changes in the next century would be even more (8) _____.

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ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2017)

Reading and Writing

Key

Section 1

1. B 2. E 3. G 4. B 5. D 6. F 7. B 8. D 9. G 10. C

Section 2

- Answers must be spelt correctly
- Answers must fit the phrase grammatically
- Ignore capitals
- Words/letters in brackets are optional
- Answer must reflect the information in the text

| ACCEPT | DO NOT ACCEPT |
|---|----------------------|
| 11. wildlife | Wild |
| 12. south east (of England) | |
| 13. temperature(s) | Average temperatures |
| 14. bursts (and) leaks/leakage leaks/leakage (and) bursts | |
| 15. demand | |
| 16. 82% / 82 per cent | |
| 17. carbon emissions | |
| 18. website / www.3valley.co.uk | Web address |
| 19. 10 Litres (of water) / 10 L (of water) | |
| 20. use less water | |
| 21. energy efficient (white goods) | |
| 22. (water) vapour | |
| 23. floods | |
| 24. climate change | |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- Where will the bubble cities in the future be?

- What company made the report?

- What kind of planners gave their ideas on life in 2116?

- What could we not have imagined 25 years ago about the Internet?

- What did the experts say the changes in the next century would be?

- How many people did the researchers question?

- What kind of meetings will we have at work in the future?

- Who will people need to visit less in the future?

- Where will we be going to on holiday?

- What language did people not make a prediction about?



Find the answers in next MONDAY issue