Future and Predictions

Pre- Advanced Kids - Lesson 9
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A prediction is a **forecast**. It is a **statement** about what you think will happen in the future. Make predictions on the following:

- Weather this weekend
- In demand job next year
- Fashion trend next year
- Hairstyle trend next year
- You in 5 years
- You in 10 years
- You teacher’s fortune
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Listening 9.1: Signs of the Stars

1) What do Deanne and Todd say?
   a) She is a fortune teller.
   b) She can guess signs well.
   c) Deanne guessed Todd's sign.
   d) Todd does not believe in signs.

2) Why did Deanne think Todd was a Libra or Virgo?
   a) He can be very sensitive.
   b) He does not like conflict.
   c) He's confident on the outside.
   d) He doesn't like making decisions.

3) What signs influence Deanne?
   a) Taurus
   b) Cancer
   c) Scorpio
   d) Gemini

4) What do Taurus people like?
   a) Changes
   b) Comfort
   c) Stability
   d) Travel

I'm going to give you a few days to ______ your answer. I don't want you to feel rushed.

Once she has a professional job she won't be able to dress like a _______ anymore.

The only thing this _______ talks about is your love life.

Cats don't like to get moved from one house to another. They need some _______ .

Do you believe that _______ tellers can actually see the future?
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What are your predictions for the way we will live in 2116?

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Predictions: What Earth Will Be Like 100 Years in the Future

So why predict the future? Because it’s fun and it helps us critically think about how to take advantage of future investment and business opportunities.

Samsung recently commissioned the world’s leading futurists, architects, technological forecasters and sociological soothsayers to cast their visionary insight 100 years into the future. The results were gathered in the “SmartThings Future Living Report,” which might just become the Sibylline Books of our day—a prophetic checklist for the world to come.

http://www.visualcapitalist.com/predictions-earth-in-100-years-future/
### Grammar Point: Future Tense – will vs going to

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<td><strong>A decision at the moment of speaking:</strong></td>
<td><strong>A decision before the moment of speaking:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>A prediction based on opinion:</strong></td>
<td><strong>A prediction based on something we can see (or hear) now:</strong></td>
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<td>I think the Conservatives will win the next election.</td>
<td>The Conservatives are going to win the election. They already have most of the votes.</td>
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<td><strong>A future fact:</strong></td>
<td><strong>For promises / requests / refusals / offers:</strong></td>
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<td>The sun will rise tomorrow.</td>
<td>I'll help you tomorrow, if you like.</td>
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<td>We don’t have any bread.</td>
<td>Really? I _________ get some from the shop then.</td>
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<td>Why do you need to borrow my suitcase?</td>
<td>I _________ visit my mother in Scotland next month.</td>
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<td>I’m really cold.</td>
<td>I _________ turn the heating on.</td>
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<td>Are you going to John’s party tonight?</td>
<td>Yes. Are you going too? I _________ give you a lift.</td>
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<td>What are your plans after you leave university?</td>
<td>I _________ work in a hospital in Africa. I leave on the 28th .</td>
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<td>(The phone rings)</td>
<td>I _________ get it!</td>
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<td>Are you ready to order?</td>
<td>I can’t decide … Okay, I _________ have the steak, please.</td>
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<td>Are you busy tonight? Would you like to have coffee?</td>
<td>Sorry. I__________ go to the library. I’ve been planning to study all day.</td>
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<td>Why are you carrying a hammer?</td>
<td>I _________ put up some pictures.</td>
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Oliver Curry studies evolve and the future, and he has an interest idea about the future of the human raise. He suggestion that in 100,000 years, humankind will split into two species. In addition, one group will be the haves, and the other group will be the have nots. We will see some changes in the next 1,000 years. For example, humans will grow to 6-7 feet (182-213 centimeters). Humans will also live for about 120 years. And lastly, there won't be different races like today. The races will mix to production people with similar, latte-colored skin. Unfortunately, there will also be negatives. People will lose social skills and empathize because they will use too much technology. Weak genes will spread and efect our whole species because new medicines will lower the mortal rate. Curry prediction this will happen 10,000 years from now. Further into the future, in the year 100,000, the healthy will only breed with one another, and so create a beauty and intelligence group of people. The unhealthy will become short and ugly, and also be least smart. These are the haves and the have nots. In other words, humans will become rulers and slavers.
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Comprehension:

- Who is Oliver Curry and what does he do?
- According to the article, how will the human species be divided in the future?
- What will happen in the next 1000 years?
- What will happen in the next 10,000 years?
- What will happen in the next 100,000 years?

- True or False
  - Humans will become two different species in the future.
  - Rich and poor will divide the species.
  - Technology will help us in the future, so we should rely on it.
  - According to the article, medicine will eventually harm the human race.
  - All people in 100,000 will more or less have the same intelligence.
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Post Comprehension:

1. What do you think life will be like in the 31st century? Please explain.
2. Do you think technology will harm us, as explained in the article? Why/not?
3. Do you think the human race will still be here in 100,000 years? Why/not?
4. Would you want to live in the 31st century? How about the year 100,000? Why/not?
5. Does the theory sound more like science fiction or science fact? Why?

- In the future, humans will live on other planets.
- The future of the human race will be wonderful and amazing!
- Humans will be more beautiful and healthy, and will live longer in the future.
- Technology will cause many new problems in the future.
- Humans will become extinct in the future.
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Agreement, partial agreement and disagreement

**Agreement:** It is worthwhile saying that silence is not understood as agreement. If you agree with an opinion or an idea, you are expected to say so.

**Disagreement:** Expressing disagreement is always respected as honest, and sometimes as courageous.

**Partial agreement:** You can also agree but with reservation especially when there is a doubt or feeling of not being able to accept something completely.

*Agreement:* I completely / absolutely agree with you.
I agree with you entirely.
I totally agree with you.
I simply must agree with that.
I am of the same opinion.
That's exactly what I think.

*Disagreement:* I don't agree with you.
I'm sorry, but I disagree.
I'm afraid, I can't agree with you.
The problem is that...
I (very much) doubt whether...
This is in complete contradiction to...
With all due respect, …
I am of a different opinion because ...
I cannot share this / that / the view.
I cannot agree with this idea.
What I object to is...
I have my own thoughts about ...

*Partial Agreement:* It is only partly true that...
That's true, but…
I can agree with that only with reservations.
That seems obvious, but...
That is not necessarily so.
It is not as simple as it seems.
I agree with you in principle, but…
I agree with you in part, but…
Well, you could be right.
Do you think these will happen? Discuss. Use the expressions from the previous page.

1. People are never satisfied with what they have; they always want something more or something different.
2. People should read **only** those books that are about real events, real people, and established facts.
3. All students should be required to study art and music in secondary school.
4. There is nothing that young people can teach older people.
5. **Only** people who earn a lot of money are successful.
6. A person’s childhood years (the time from birth to twelve years of age) are the most important years of a person’s life.
7. Children should be required to help with household tasks as soon as they are able to do so.
8. People behave differently when they wear different clothes.
9. Parents are the best teachers.
10. Schools should ask students to evaluate their teachers.
11. It is better for children to grow up in the countryside than in a big city.
12. People should sometimes do things that they do **not** enjoy doing.
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**Listening 9.2** : Listen to an article on studying the future and answer the questions below.

1. According to the article, who studies the future?
2. What are some questions they ask based on the problems we have today?
3. What topics do futurists look at?
4. Why do futurists believe that all ideas are important?
5. According to the article, what is changing so quickly now?
6. Why do we need to understand what lies in our future?
7. According to the article, what do we need to do together?
8. Give one of the questions about tomorrow that futurists ask and try to answer it.
9. After reading the article, what do you think about futurists? Do you agree that it's important to study the future? Please explain.
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Explain the following quotations.

“Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment.”

Buddha

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

Peter Drucker

“Our human compassion binds us the one to the other - not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future.”

Nelson Mandela

“The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave.”

Ronald Reagan

“Go for it now. The future is promised to no one.”

Wayne Dyer
Vocabulary exercise “Future"

• Fill in the blanks with the expressions on the right column.
• Change the form if necessary.

1. The driver is ________ collect them. Shall I phone to stop him?
2. All these floods we’ve been having are just ________.
3. He told her he would love her ________.
4. ________ whether we made the right decision.
5. When the doctor said my grandfather’s ________, I went to visit him immediately.
6. Her ________ after she got such good grades.
7. I think we'll be needing a new car ________.
8. Today's prices won't be around ________.
9. It’s ________ unlikely that the hospital will be closed ________.
10. I know the meeting didn’t go as you’d hoped but don’t worry; ________.

a. be about to  
b. Tomorrow’s another day  
c. like there’s no tomorrow  
d. a sign of things to come  
e. in the foreseeable future  
f. sooner or later  
g. only time will tell  
h. future looks bright  
i. Until the end of time  
j. days are numbered  
k. in the near future
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Talk about the following pictures and discuss with your teacher.

- Hologram phone
- Floating cities
- Human-like Android
- Flying cars
Discuss the article below and answer the questions that follow.

https://futurism.com/olympic-robots-pyeongchang-games/

1. What can you say about the robots that are specifically made for the event?
2. Do you think robots do tasks better than humans. Why or why not?
3. If you were to make and design your own robot,
   • what would it look like?
   • what would be its features?
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Express Yourself

1. If you had a time machine, would you want to travel into the future? Why/not?
2. Do you agree or disagree? In the future there will be a common language? If yes, which language do you think it will be?
3. Do you believe that some people can see into the future? Why/not?
4. If your life goes as planned, where will you be in 5 years? 10 years? 30 years?
5. If you could speak to a psychic, what questions would you ask about your future?
6. World peace will happen in our lifetime. Do you agree or disagree? Why/not?
7. Are you the kind of person who tries to plan out your future (life, vacation, or schoolwork, for example) in great detail? Why/not?
8. What major advancements will the human race achieve this century? Please explain.
9. What do you think the future will be like 100 years from now? Please explain.
10. Have you seen any movies that deal with time travel into the future? What happened? Were they believable?
The End