

THE FUTURE — DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

IS THE FUTURE AN EXCITING OR SCARY PLACE? WHY?

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE
FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE?

HOW DIFFERENT DO YOU THINK OUR EVERYDAY LIVES WILL BE
FROM NOW?

WHAT WILL BE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE IN THE FUTURE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE MIGHT BE?

HOW DO YOU THINK CLIMATE CHANGE WILL AFFECT OUR FUTURE?

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DO YOU THINK ALIENS WILL VISIT EARTH IN THE FUTURE?

HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE WE START TO
LIVE ON OTHER PLANETS?

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST WISH FOR THE FAR FUTURE?

HOW WILL LANGUAGE CHANGE IN THE DISTANT FUTURE?

WHAT THINGS WON'T STILL BE AROUND IN THE FUTURE?

DO YOU THINK WE'LL STILL HAVE WARS IN THE FUTURE?

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HOW WILL MONEY AND THE WAY WE PAY FOR THINGS
CHANGE IN THE FUTURE?

HOW LONG WILL PEOPLE LIVE FOR IN THE
DISTANT FUTURE?

HOW WILL PEOPLE GET AROUND IN THE FAR FUTURE?

DO YOU THINK HUMANS WILL STILL RULE THE WORLD
IN THE DISTANT FUTURE?

WILL MEN AND WOMEN STILL GET MARRIED AND HAVE
BABIES IN THE FUTURE?

WHAT WILL SCHOOL BE LIKE IN THE DISTANT FUTURE?

Conversation Questions

- What do you hope for your own future?
- What fears do you have for the future?
- Where do you see yourself in ten, twenty and fifty years from now?
- Would you like to live 100 years in the future or the past? Why?
- Where would you like to live in the future?
- What do you think about the future of your country?
- If you could know your future exactly – would you want to?
- Do you believe that fortune tellers can predict the future?
- What will the world's biggest problem be in the future?
- Do you believe politicians who promise a great future? Why (not)?
- What does the past teach us about the future?
- Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future? Why?
- What would you plan for your children's future?
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- What will things be like in 50 years – transportation, crime, advertising, shopping?
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IMAGINE

Predict the future.

THE YEAR 2300

In the future

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Technology – Discussion Questions



Do you get excited by new technology? What kinds of technology interest you?

Is technology developing faster than it used to? Are you worried about being left behind?

When you get a new product, do you read the instruction manual? Or do you just figure it out?

How much time do you spend online each week? Is it too much time, or a reasonable amount?

What are some of your favorite websites? What can you do on them?

Advances in medical technology mean people are living longer. What are some of the downsides of this? How old do you hope to live?

a woman holding a smartphone next to a notebook computer

How do you feel if you forget your mobile phone and leave it somewhere?

Which electronics brands do you trust most? Are you loyal to one brand?

Are you an early adopter? Do you like to have cutting edge technology? Are there any disadvantages to buying the latest product?

Some people dislike or fear technology. Do you know anyone like this?

Do you read e-books? What are their advantages and disadvantages when compared with paper books?

Is there an electronic product you want these days? What is it? How will it make your life better?

Do you play computer games? What do you say to people who believe they are a waste of time?

What crazy future technology are you looking forward to? For example, flying cars or personal robots.

Which social networking services (SNS) do you use? What do you like or dislike about them?

How do you feel about dating websites or apps? Would you use one?

Some people prefer to live with less technology in their lives. Can you understand the desire to live a simpler life?

Many science fiction movies present a dark vision of the future. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future of humanity?

TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'technology'?
- 2) Is technology a good or a bad thing?
- 3) What new technology could you not live without?
- 4) Do you like reading about technology?
- 5) Do you like using technology to learn?
- 6) What do you think very old people think of modern technology?
- 7) How has technology changed society?
- 8) Has technology made us more impatient?
- 9) Max Frisch said: "Technology is the knack of arranging the world so that we don't have to experience it." Do you agree with him?
- 10) Mark Kennedy said: "All of the biggest technological inventions created by man - the airplane, the automobile, the computer - say little about his intelligence, but speak volumes about his laziness." Do you agree?



TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B

- 1) What do you think of today's technology?
- 2) What do you think of tomorrow's technology?
- 3) Do you think we've become obsessed with technology?
- 4) Do you always trust technology?
- 5) Does technology ever let you down?
- 6) What things would you never let technology replace?
- 7) Has technology made our lives better than our grandparents' lives?
- 8) What technology is dangerous?
- 9) Frank Lloyd Wright said: "If it [technology] keeps up, man will waste away all his limbs but the push-button finger." What does this mean? Do you like this quote?
- 10) Alan M. Eddison said: "Modern technology... Owes ecology... An apology." What does this mean? Do you agree?

