

Ejes: Instancias de reflexión. Ámbitos de uso de la lengua adicional.

Capacidades: Aprendizaje autónomo. Comunicación. Análisis y comprensión de la información.

Objetivos: Comprender textos escritos y orales. Producir

textos escritos. Realizar funciones comunicativas.

Contenido curricular: Escucha, lectura y escritura de textos descriptivos. Invitar. Describir, planificar y sugerir actividades.

What will life be like in the future?

Before you start, answer the following questions:

- Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future?
- Do you agree with the following quotation? “The best way to predict the future is to create it.” Why? Why not? (Abraham Lincoln).



Pista: Recordá que al final de la ficha encontrarás la **clave de respuestas** de las actividades para revisar tu trabajo.

1. In 2011, Time Magazine published an article called “Top 10 Failed Predictions”. Match the following pictures with some of the predictions mentioned in the article.



The Beatles



The Titanic



The TV



The Internet

- a. “People will soon get tired of staring at a wooden box every night.” _____
- b. “No online database will replace your daily newspaper and no computer network will change the way our government works.” _____
- c. “We don’t like your boys’ sound. Groups of four members with guitars are finished.” _____
- d. “This vessel won’t sink. I cannot imagine any danger happening to this ship.” _____

Adapted version from [“Top 10 Failed Predictions”](#)

2. Read the following article and choose the correct option (a or b) to complete this sentence: The purpose of the article is...

- a. to explain the impact of technology on our lives in the future.
- b. to describe some aspects of our lives in the future.

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What Will Life be Like in 2035?

What will our world be like in 2035? It would be tempting to mention the clichés - food pills, flying cars, and bases on the moon - but the reality will probably be less exciting. The world in 2035 will probably be much like it is today, but smarter and more automatic.

The Future of Food

Genetically modified (GM) crops and synthetic meat will be responses to the growing need for greater food efficiency as populations continue to grow. But also a lot of people will realise that we need to have a better diet, one that is more plant-based and less dependent on processed foods.



The Future of Love

We are becoming more independent and less influenced by the old social norms. This will have an impact on the relationships

we form, with fewer people choosing traditional marriage, a rise in official (and unofficial) civil partnerships, and more people remaining single for longer, if not forever.



The Future of Work

In the future, there will be new jobs created: the computer engineer/mechanic who fixes the self-driving Uber taxis; genome mappers and bioengineers; space tour guides; and vertical farmers. Technology will continue to disrupt businesses and eliminate jobs, creating new professions.



The Future of Health

Prevention will probably become the focus as we gain greater control of our health information, using self-monitoring biosensors and smart watches to continuously collect fitness data. Also, web apps will process this data to keep electronic records. Using these numbers, companies will be able to build a model of your overall health that can predict future problems.



Adapted version from "[What will life be like in 2035?](#)"

3. Read sentences (a - f) on the next page and follow these instructions: 1) Write a tick ✓ if the information appears in the article. 2) Write a cross ✗ if the information doesn't appear in the article. 3) Underline the information in the text to justify your answers.

- a. The world in 2035 won't be much different from today's world.
- b. Genetically modified food will have a negative impact on human health.
- c. In the future, many people will have healthy lifestyles.
- d. There will be fewer traditional wedding ceremonies in the future.
- e. In the next few years, bioengineers will organize space tours.
- f. Companies will have access to health information obtained from personal digital devices.

Pista: En inglés, para hacer **predicciones** sobre el futuro basadas en nuestras opiniones o creencias usamos **will/won't + el verbo en infinitivo**. Leé la siguiente oración extraída del artículo anterior: 1) Technology **will continue** to disrupt businesses and eliminate jobs, creating new professions. Mirá este otro ejemplo: 2) Some traditional jobs **won't exist** anymore in the near future.

4. The previous article was published on the website of an Australian company in 2015. The director of the company would like to post a new article about teenagers' views on the future. To get some ideas, she has created a new tab on the website: "**Just one question survey for teens: What will life be like in 2045? The Future of Social Media - The Future of Education - The Future of Music - The Future of Sports**". Write your own predictions for each topic using **will/won't**.
5. Daniel Thompson is the assistant to the director of the company and he is in charge of reading the comments from the survey. Read the following WhatsApp conversation between Daniel and Mary, one of his workmates, and complete the gaps with these phrases: **karaoke bar - home and watch a movie - favourite actors - popular topic - the cinema - your house at 9 o'clock**.

Daniel: Wow! We're getting thousands of comments from teens all over the world!

Mary: Which is the most _____ (a)?

Daniel: The future of music. BTW*. Do you have any plans for the weekend?

Mary: On Saturday I'm going to meet some friends at a **karaoke bar** (b) What about you?

Daniel: I think I'll stay at _____ (c) What about Friday night? Are you free?

Mary: Yes! Let's go to _____ (d)

Daniel: Cool! How about watching The Matrix 4? Is that OK with you?

Mary: Sure. Keanu Reeves is one of my _____ (e)

Daniel: Great. The movie starts at 10:00 pm. Shall I pick you up at 9:00?

Mary: Okey dokey. But do you promise to pick me up on time?

Daniel: Don't worry! I'll be at _____ (f) I promise!

6. ***BTW** (By the way) is a common abbreviation used when chatting online. It is used to introduce a new subject to be considered or to give further information. (Cambridge Dictionary). Match the following abbreviations with the correct meaning: **HF - BFF - BTW - OMG - LOL - BRB**.

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| a. By the way: BTW | d. Be right back _____ |
| b. Have fun _____ | e. Laughing out loud _____ |
| c. Oh my God! _____ | f. Best friends forever _____ |

Pista: *En inglés, para hablar de **planes o intenciones** en el futuro usamos **am/is/are** o **am not/isn't/aren't** + **going to** + **el verbo en infinitivo**. Leé la siguiente oración del intercambio de WhatsApp: 1) **I'm going to meet** some friends at a karaoke bar. Fijate este otro ejemplo: 2) My brother **isn't going to play** football next weekend. Para expresar **promesas o decisiones espontáneas** en el momento en el que estamos hablando usamos **will/won't** + **el verbo en infinitivo**. Mirá*

*estos ejemplos del intercambio de WhatsApp: 3) **I'll be** at your house at 9 o'clock. I promise! 4) I think **I'll stay** at home and watch a movie.*

7. Imagine you're going to go out with one of your classmates next weekend. Get in pairs and write a dialogue talking about your plans. Also include some promises and spontaneous decisions.

Here is an interesting video called "Future cities: Your life in the city in 2050". Scan the QR code to watch the video. Source: Siemens.



Future cities: Your life in the city in 2050

Siemens

<https://bit.ly/3NRbK3I>

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8. Watch the video and tick the topics mentioned in the video:

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| energy consumption <input type="checkbox"/> | business opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> |
| digital education <input type="checkbox"/> | working conditions <input type="checkbox"/> |
| artificial intelligence <input type="checkbox"/> | technological change <input type="checkbox"/> |

9. Watch the video again and decide if the following sentences are true or false.

- a. There will be more people living in cities.
- b. Digitalization won't be useful to avoid traffic jams.
- c. Buildings will use less than 40 percent of our global electricity.
- d. People won't feel comfortable working remotely.

Before you finish

Write a paragraph describing your ideal city in the future. What will life be like in your ideal city? Use your imagination!



Further practice



City of the Future: Singapore - Full Episode
National Geographic
<https://bit.ly/2Q32hgC>

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Keys for correction 1) a. The TV; b. The Internet; c. The Beatles; d. The Titanic. **2)** b. **3)** a. ✓ b. ✗ ; c. ✓ ; d. ✓ ; e. ✗ ; f. ✓ **5)** a. popular topic; b. karaoke bar; c. home and watch a movie; d. the cinema; e. favourite actors; f. your house at 9 o'clock. **6)** a. BTW; b. HF; c. OMG; d. BRB; e. LOL; f. BFF. **8)** energy consumption, working conditions, business opportunities, technological change. **9)** a.T; b.F; c.T; d.F