

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TEXT?

2020 woman the hunter, man the househusband

A new report on life in 2020 was published yesterday. This report predicts big changes, not just in technology but also changes in the way we live. These are some of the predictions for work and family life.



Family life

- One in five fathers will be househusbands, while the mothers go out to work.
- People will live near other people who have the same interests as them, for example in golf villages.
- There will often be three generations living in the same house, e.g. grandparents, parents, and children.
- People will live until their mid-eighties, but women will still live slightly longer than men.

Work and study

- One in five school classes will be on-line via the Internet. Pupils will also often have video classes with a 'superteacher' from another city or country.
- Most workers will only have short-term contracts. They will have to learn to do lots of different jobs because they will change jobs frequently.
- Most people will work a twenty-five hour week. This will usually mean working five hours a day, although some people may work three eight-hour days and have four days off.

Adapted from a British newspaper

- a Read the article about 2020. Tick (✓) the predictions that you think would be a good thing.
- b Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true), F (false), or DS (doesn't say).
According to this report, in 2020...
- 1 20% of fathers will stay at home and look after the children.
 - 2 People will live near other people who like the same things they do.
 - 3 Grandparents will look after their grandchildren.
 - 4 Men and women will live until they're 80.
 - 5 'Superteachers' will sometimes travel to give classes.
 - 6 Many people will work in the same job all their life.
 - 7 Everybody will work five hours a day.
- c Underline and learn six new words or expressions from the article. Use your dictionary to check the meaning and pronunciation.

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE?

- a **3.20** Listen to five short conversations. Circle a, b, or c.
- 1 On Saturday the woman is going to _____.
a stay at home b go swimming
c play volleyball
 - 2 Who do they think will win the League?
a Arsenal b Manchester United c Liverpool
 - 3 Next weekend the weather is going to be _____.
a wet and cold b sunny but cold
c warm and sunny
 - 4 The woman is going to buy _____.
a the red sweater b the blue sweater
c the black sweater
 - 5 Last night the student _____.
a had a bad dream b had a good dream
c didn't dream
- b **3.21** Listen and complete the flight details.

Supertravel

Flight from London to ¹ _____

Departure	Tuesday May 6th
Return	² _____
Flight times	Outward: leaves 08.30, arrives ³ _____ Return: leaves ⁴ _____, arrives 12.30
Passenger's name	Robert ⁵ _____

CAN YOU SAY THIS IN ENGLISH?

- a In English, can you...? Yes (✓)
- talk about your plans for tonight
 - talk about your plans for next year
 - make three future predictions about your town
 - make three promises about your English
- b Re-order the words to make questions.
- 1 doing weekend this what you are ?
 - 2 English year you next going study to are ?
 - 3 think do who will elections next you win the ?
 - 4 rain think tomorrow will you do it ?
 - 5 you dreams how your remember do often ?
- c Ask your partner the questions in b. Ask for more information.