

SKILLS TEST 7 & 8

READING

1 Read the article. Match the topics (a–h) to the people in the article (1–3).

Last week, we asked you this question: What will life be like in 20 years' time? Here are some of your answers.

1 ANNA

There will be a lot more people in the world. It would be great if no-one was hungry, and everyone had enough to eat. So, I think we will need to change our habits. We won't eat so much meat, because there won't be enough space for big animals. I think we'll eat insects instead of chickens or cows. But also, there won't be enough space for normal farms, so we will need to make tall towers and grow our vegetables inside them with special lights. It would be a very different type of farm from what we have today.

2 IVAN

Computers will be even more intelligent soon. Think about it. What would you do if a computer was able to do your job better than you? Well, soon, that's going to be true. We will have computers driving cars, so goodbye truck and taxi drivers! Machines will replace receptionists, and there won't be people making our shirts and jackets any more. We will just make what we need with 3D printers. We will need to train people who can program computers and write code. People who aren't learning to do these things now might have big problems in the future.

3 BARBARA

I read an article that the Internet will be everywhere. It's called 'the Internet of things'. Things will 'talk' to other things. For example, your apartment will know when you are not there, and so will lock all the doors and switch off the lights for you. We will use smartphone apps to tell machines to water our plants outside when we are away. Your bathroom will know when you have no more toothpaste, and will send an email to the supermarket, asking them to send more. The Internet will know exactly when your birthday is, and send out invitations to your friends, telling them to email a 'happy birthday' message to you. Oh ... That's already happening!

- a food
- b the home
- c clothes
- d new buildings
- e gardens
- f shopping
- g education
- h work

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2 Read the article again. Mark these sentences T (true) or F (false), or DS (the article doesn't say).

- 1 Anna thinks that people will eat different types of food in the future.
- 2 She says that we won't have farms.
- 3 Ivan thinks that most jobs will be the same in the future.
- 4 He knows how to program computers and write code.
- 5 He thinks we need to start learning now what we will need to do in the future.
- 6 Barbara says that we won't need technology much in the future.
- 7 She is worried about the future.

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LISTENING

3 Listen to a conversation. Tick [✓] the seven things the speakers talk about.

They talk about:

- 1 the weather.
- 2 something the boy thought his mother could do.
- 3 where the girl thought her teachers lived.
- 4 something the boy thought his phone could do.
- 5 something his grandfather said.
- 6 what people thought about the first phones.
- 7 why people didn't like computers.
- 8 why people were afraid of moving quickly.
- 9 an early film.
- 10 why people were afraid of flying.
- 11 why some people are afraid of the Internet.
- 12 being afraid of the future.

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4 Listen again. Choose the correct answer for each question.

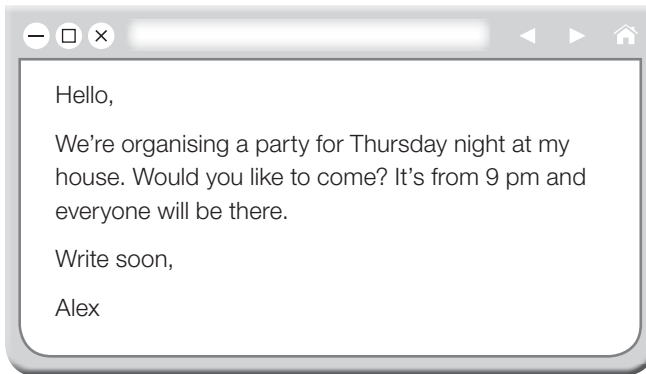
- 1 The girl _____.
A wants the rain to stop B thinks the rain is good
- 2 The boy _____ his mother could control the weather.
A thought B never believed
- 3 When the girl first saw a teacher in the street, she _____ surprised.
A wasn't B was
- 4 When the boy was young, he _____ people things with his phone.
A enjoyed showing B couldn't show
- 5 Some people in the past _____ more than 30 miles an hour.
A died when they travelled B didn't believe they could travel
- 6 The boy talks about a time when _____.
A people were afraid of a film about a train B a train hit a cinema
- 7 The girl thinks that people in the future will _____.
A laugh at her and the boy B be afraid of technology
- 8 The boy thinks that _____.
A computers will never become intelligent B intelligent computers are a scary idea

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WRITING

- 5 Read the email invitation from a friend. Write a reply (100–125 words) saying that you would like to go, but can't. Use the ideas below to help you.



- You should do your homework before Friday morning.
- You would need to get permission from your parents.
- 9 pm is too late.
- You are having your own party on Saturday at 7 pm at your house.

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SPEAKING

- 6 Work in pairs. Look at the list of things we often use. Talk about which thing you have used, and when you first used them. Then decide which three things are most important. Use the phrases in the list to agree or disagree.

So do I.

Neither / Nor do I.

So did I.

Neither / Nor did I.

So have I.

Neither / Nor have I

- a smartphone
- a washing machine
- an electric toothbrush
- a fridge
- a credit card
- an MP3 player
- car

- 7 Work in pairs. Think of the three things you decided were most important in Exercise 6. Discuss these questions together.

- 1 What did people use to do before they had these three things?
- 2 What would life be like if we didn't have these things?

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TOTAL SCORE

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