

47.Future Society

The world changes so quickly that it's hard to keep up. Inventions and innovations alter the way we live. People's values, attitudes, and beliefs keep changing. And the pace of change keeps accelerating, making it difficult to prepare for tomorrow. No one knows exactly what will happen in the future. But by considering what might happen, people can more rationally decide on the sort of future that would be most desirable. The future doesn't just happen; people create it through their action or inaction today. Opportunity as well as danger lies ahead, so people need to make far - sighted decisions. The process of change is inevitable; it's up to you to make sure that the change is constructive.

Comprehension

1. Can we know the future?
2. Who creates the future?
3. How can we maximize the future's desirability?

Your opinion

1. How will sex roles change?
2. How will the family change?
3. How far can we extend human life expectancy?
4. What will happen if we can make robots that think like us?
5. How will the role of government change?
6. Do you think schools will exist in the future? How will they be different?
7. Do you think Big Brother – intrusive, totalitarian government – is inevitable?
8. Will the future be heaven or hell?