

FUTURE I

EX.1.1: Make sentences by joining a clause 1–6 with a clause a–f using a suitable conjunction. Each complete sentence refers to a piece of equipment. What are the six items?

- 1 It won't work
- 2 You'll find it easier than writing by hand
- 3 A red light will come on
- 4 You'll be able to leave a message
- 5 You'll have to take the lens cap off
- 6 I'll put it back in the cupboard

until before after while when as soon as once

- a it's recording a programme.
- b you put a battery in.
- c it has cooled down.
- d you get used to the keys.
- e you hear the tone.
- f you take any pictures.

FUTURE II

EX.2 Complete each sentence with a suitable verb form.

- 1 The doctor can't see anyone tomorrow because she a conference in Cambridge. (**ATTENDS**)
- 2 It's our anniversary next week – we together for a whole month! (**BE**)
- 3 Make sure you are at the station in plenty of time – the train at ten on the dot. (**LEAVES**)
- 4 I've booked a ticket for the concert next week and we in the front row! (**SIT**)
- 5 I'll be entitled to a pay rise next March because by then I here for two years exactly. (**WORK**)
- 6 He can't make it, he for his boss this evening. (**STANDS**)
- 7 Hurry up, the show in five minutes. (**STARTS**)
- 3 Unfortunately, they the library in our village due to lack of funds. (**CLOSE**)

EX.3a Read these 'visions of the future' and fill in the gaps using an appropriate form of the verbs in brackets.

Ecological Disaster

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I'm not too optimistic about the future. My main worry is the greenhouse effect. The earth is heating up and at current rates the sea level (1) (rise) by about 20 centimetres by the end of the 21st century. It might not seem like much but it (2) (have) devastating effects. Large parts of the Indian sub-continent (3) (be) under water during the monsoon season – an area that already suffers from famine. We have an observation centre in Antarctica and we (4) (watch) the ice-caps carefully over the next decade. From what I have seen so far it's clear that the ice (5) (continue) to melt at an accelerating rate in the future. And the destruction of the rain forests doesn't help. By 2035 over 95% of the rainforest in South East Asia (6) (lose). I (7) (fly) out to Brazil next month to chair a conference on this very subject and we (8) (discuss) the loss of the natural habitat in the Amazon region. If we want the earth to survive we (9) (have to do) something about it soon.

EX.3b

Exploration and Ease

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I'm excited about the future because I think, overall, things (10) (get) better. Technology has already transformed our lives and I expect this (11) (continue). If computers carry on improving at current rates, they (12) (be capable) of near-human intelligence within the next half-century. It is quite likely that the average person in the year 2100 (13) (lead) a life of leisure and (14) (enjoy) themselves, while robots (15) (carry out) all those boring day-to-day chores. And there are incredible possibilities in genetics and medical research. Scientists say most hereditary diseases (16) (eradicate) by the end of the century. Space exploration is another area where I expect a lot of progress. The latest mission to Mars (17) (land) on the red planet next July and two more probes (18) (go) into orbit around Saturn in October. By the time our grandchildren grow up, a two-week holiday on Mars (19) (probably become) as normal as a fortnight at the beach is for us!