

8A | The futurological conference

PREDICTIONS 1 (MAY, MIGHT & WILL)



1 Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 International organizations *will to become / will become* more and more powerful in the next 50 years.
- 2 We *may find / may be find* a new source of energy soon.
- 3 Most people *might work / might working* at home in 2050.
- 4 The internet *won't change / won't changes* most people's lives very much.
- 5 New technology *will increases / will increase* everybody's happiness.
- 6 Scientists *may never discover / never may discover* life on other planets.

2 Complete the sentences so that they mean the same as the sentences above, using *may, might or will*. Use each word at least once.

- 1 I hope we'll develop a cleaner source of energy before 2050, but I'm not sure.
We _____ find a cleaner source of energy before 2050.
- 2 It's possible that the world's weather will change in the next fifty years, but I don't know enough about it.
The weather _____ change in the next fifty years.

- 3 I don't think scientists will discover a cure for all diseases this century. It's not possible.
Scientists _____ not discover a cure for all diseases this century.
- 4 I'm sure that they'll develop a new form of transport soon.
They _____ develop a new form of transport soon.
- 5 I'm not sure that international organizations will become more powerful. Perhaps they won't.
International organizations _____ not become more powerful.

VOCABULARY FROM THE LESSON

3 Underline the word that does not go with the word in **bold**.

- | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1 develop | a theory | an idea | a highlight |
| 2 source of | energy | laser | water |
| 3 find | a cure | speed | life on other planets |
| 4 space | travel | exploration | screen |
| 5 military | transplant | power | history |
| 6 advanced | technology | wind | equipment |

TRANSLATION

4 Translate the sentences into your language.

- 1 I'm going to the shop. I won't be long.

_____.
- 2 We might be a bit late: the traffic may be bad.

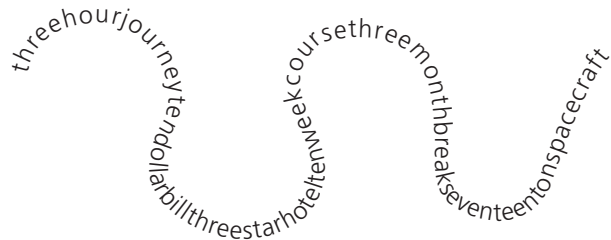
_____.
- 3 You may find it difficult at first, but it'll get easier.

_____.
- 4 It'll take me ages to do this! I might never finish!

_____!

8B | Space tourists

COMPOUND NOUNS WITH NUMBERS



1 Complete the sentences with the compound nouns from the alphabeti-spagheti.

- I'm taking a _____ in Spanish.
- A _____ from work isn't a long time for new mothers.
- No air conditioning! In a _____!
- Pieces of a _____ fell from the sky last month in South Africa.
- I don't have anything smaller than a _____.
- It's a _____ from here to Bruges.

2 Correct the mistakes in the compound nouns.

Big Dog Hit By Space Junk

A ninetykilo St. Bernard dog is recovering from a seven-hours operation tonight after a fives-gram piece of 'space junk' fell from the sky yesterday and hit him in the back. 'Rex was playing outside,' says his owner, Agatha Crisp, when the object – a two-centimetre-screw – hit him. The screw came from the seventeen-ton spacecraft, Intrepid, which is returning to Earth this month after a ten year mission in space.



PREDICTIONS 2 (MAYBE, PROBABLY, CERTAINLY, ETC)

3 Put the words in brackets in the correct place in the sentences.

There are about 35,000 pieces of junk flying around space.

- This number will increase. (*definitely*)
- Most of this junk won't ever land on Earth. (*certainly*)
- Some of the junk will fall in the sea. (*definitely*)
- One of these objects will kill someone. (*probably*)
- But it won't be you! (*probably*)

4 Who feels sure (S)? Who doesn't feel so sure (NS)?

- Mars will probably become a kind of airport. NS
- There'll certainly be hotels and factories up there.
- Yeah, but flights will definitely be expensive.
- Well, I certainly won't see Mars. I'm unemployed.
- You'll probably get a free trip, then: no return!

5 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.

- This medicine might help you. (*perhaps*)
Perhaps this medicine will help you.
- You might meet someone you like. (*maybe*)
_____.
- It may take a long time to finish. (*possibly*)
_____.
- They may not see each other again. (*possibly*)
_____.

TRANSLATION

6 Translate the sentences into your language.

- Maybe the weather will be better tomorrow.
_____.
- We certainly won't get there before six.
_____.
- I probably won't see you tonight.
_____.
- Perhaps she'll call back later.
_____.

8c | Great ideas



Sir Clive Sinclair was already famous for inventing home computers when he had his next great idea: a three-wheel electric car called the C5. He soon lost £8.5m. What went wrong?

1 Complete the article with words from the box.

easy legal cheap dangerous
impossible illegal

File Edit View Favourites Tools Help Links

Some of the strengths of the C5:

1 It was _____ to drive a C5 without a driving licence.

2 The C5 was _____ to buy: you could get one for only £140 – but most people didn't!

3 It was _____ to learn how to drive them.

Some of the weaknesses of the C5:

4 It was _____ to go faster than 15 mph and the police sometimes stopped you.

5 It was _____ to use on busy roads or in bad weather.

6 It was _____ to drive a C5 without other drivers laughing at you!

PRESENT TENSE IN FUTURE TIME CLAUSES (FIRST CONDITIONAL)

2 Complete the sentences 1–5 with the phrases a–e.



Paul Moller in the Skycar that he hopes will change the way we drive and live.

A

- 1 If Paul Moller's Skycar is successful,
- 2 When the first Skycar goes on sale
- 3 Moller says they'll be much cheaper
- 4 Drivers will need a lot of training
- 5 But what will happen if

B

- ☐ a when people start buying more of them.
- ☐ b it will cost about \$500,000.
- ☐ c before they drive a Skycar.
- ☐ d the engine goes wrong in the air?
- ☐ e we will be able to fly to work at 350 mph.

TRANSLATION

3 Translate the sentences into your language.

- 1 I'll give her your message when she arrives.

- 2 We'll talk about it after you get your results.

- 3 Will it be difficult to make friends if I don't speak the language?

_____ ?

- 4 It won't be easy to find a job if you don't get the qualifications.

READ & LISTEN

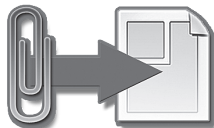
- 4 37–38 Read and listen to the reading text *A great idea?* on page 80 of the Student's Book.

8D | Help!

COMPUTER ACTIONS

1 Complete the sentences with computer words.

1 Hi, Carol. The document you asked for is _____.



2 Can you _____ that document for me? I need to sign it.



3 I've h _____ some words in yellow. I don't know how to translate.



4 You don't need to write the address again. Just _____ it from there and _____ it here.



5 Sorry, could you give me the phone number again? I've _____ it, I'm afraid.



6 You've got too many windows _____. Why don't you _____ the documents you're not using?



2 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

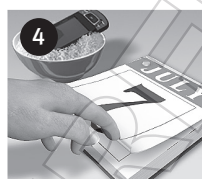
save copy attach cursor send

- To highlight a word, first you move the _____ on to the word and then you double-click.
- You should _____ your work every five minutes.
- To paste, _____ the object you want to paste, move the cursor to where you want to paste it, then ...
- Check the spelling before you _____ your email!
- I forgot to _____ the document before I pressed 'send'. She'll think I'm an idiot!

GIVING INSTRUCTIONS

3 Write clear instructions using verbs and other words from the box.

replace/battery take/battery wrap/towel
place/bowl of rice wait/24 hours turn on/mobile



What to do if your mobile phone gets wet:

- First of all, _____.
- Then, _____.
- Next, _____.
- Then, _____.
- Finally, _____ and _____.

4 Correct one mistake in each sentence.

- First of all, to click on 'Insert'.
- Next, finds 'Picture'.
- Then, choosing 'File'.
- Don't pressed that button!
- Next, you're find the picture you want to insert.
- Finally, double-clicks on the picture.

39 DICTATION

39 Write the sentences that you hear.

- _____!
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

8 | Reading

1 Read the article and match the paragraphs 1–3 to the descriptions a–c.

- ☐ a Many experts think Asteroid 1950DA could be a danger to Earth.
- ☐ b Experts are trying to find a solution to the problem of Asteroid 1950DA.
- ☐ c A large rock, in particular Asteroid 1950DA, could hit Earth one day in the future.

2 Read the article again and match the questions 1–6 to the answers a–f.

A

- 1 What might hit Earth one day?
- 2 How big is the asteroid?
- 3 Which NASA astronomer is very worried about Asteroid 1950DA?
- 4 When will Asteroid 1950DA come very near Earth?
- 5 How did the scientists first plan to destroy the asteroid?
- 6 Who thinks a small rocket could burn the asteroid?

B

- ☐ a With a very powerful nuclear weapon
- ☐ b On 16 March 2880
- ☐ c Jay Meloch
- ☐ d About a kilometre wide
- ☐ e Dr Steve Ostro
- ☐ f A large rock from space

3 Match the pronouns in **bold** 1–4 to the nouns they refer to in a–d. The paragraph numbers are in brackets.

A

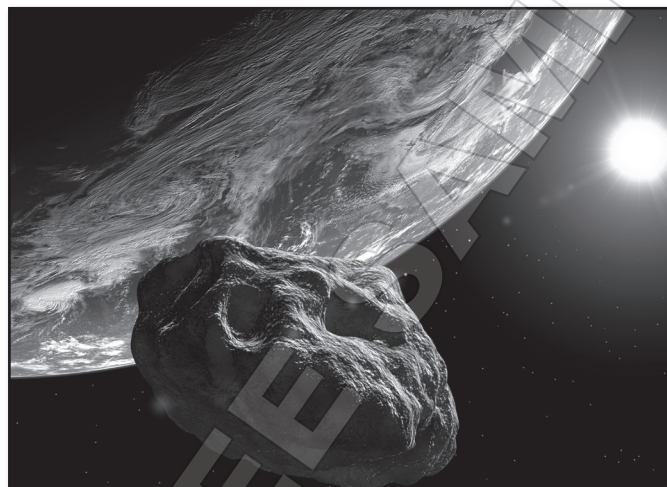
- 1 **it** was moving closer (1)
- 2 if it does hit us, **he** says, (2)
- 3 ... may break the rock into pieces, **he** predicts (3)
- 4 **it** will burn the rock with energy ... (3)

B

- a Jay Meloch's rocket
- b Jay Meloch
- c Dr Steve Ostro
- d Asteroid 1950DA

READ & LISTEN

4  40 Listen to Reading 8 *Asteroid 1950DA* on the CD and read the article again.



Asteroid 1950DA – the most dangerous rock in space

1

One day, experts agree, a large rock from space (an *asteroid*) will hit the Earth. It might happen tomorrow. Or it might not happen for another 5,000 years. It's difficult to say. We do know, though, that one of these space rocks – Asteroid 1950DA – will travel very close to our planet on 16 March 2880. Scientists first discovered the asteroid in 1950. Two weeks later, they lost it. When they found it again in 1999, it was moving closer. Destination: Earth.

2

Asteroid 1950DA is only about a kilometre wide and there is only a 0.33% chance of a crash. So why does NASA astronomer Dr Steve Ostro call it 'the most dangerous rock in space'? Because if it does hit us, he says, much of life on Earth may end. Many scientists and governments now agree with him.

3

The scientists first planned to hit Asteroid 1950DA with an incredibly powerful nuclear weapon. But it is extremely dangerous to build such a weapon, say scientists. And it probably won't work, says astronomer Jay Meloch. It may break the rock into pieces, he predicts, but all of these might then hit the Earth. He wants to send a small rocket to Asteroid 1950DA. If it is equipped with advanced technology, it will burn the rock with energy from the sun. Military experts like Meloch's idea. Maybe his rocket will save the Earth one day.