

## What life will be like in 2116

18th February, 2016



A new report shows what life might be like in 100 years from now. It describes skyscrapers that are much taller than today's buildings, underwater

'bubble' cities, and holidays in space. The report is from Samsung's SmartThings. It asked experts on space, architecture, and city planners to give their ideas on life in 2116. They said the way we live, work and play will be totally different to how we do these things today. The experts said that 25 years ago, people could not imagine how the Internet and smartphones would change our lives. The Internet has revolutionised the way we communicate, learn and do daily things. The experts said the changes in the next century would be even more unbelievable.

Researchers questioned 2,000 adults about the predictions they thought were most likely to happen in the future. They predicted that in the future, few people will go to an office but will work from home and have virtual work meetings. People will have advanced 3D printers that will let you download a design for furniture or a food recipe and then 'print' the sofa, table or pizza at home. There will also be less need for visits to the doctor. We will all have a home health capsule that will tell us what the problem is and give us treatment. We will also be going into space for holidays and to get resources that we have used up on Earth. A prediction that was missing was whether people would still need to study English.

Sources: [swns.com](http://swns.com) / [EconomicTimes.com](http://EconomicTimes.com) / [biztekmojo.com](http://biztekmojo.com)

## Writing

The year 2116 will be better than the year 2016. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*report / 100 years from now / skyscrapers / smart things / architecture / experts / predictions / office / virtual / furniture / pizza / health / holidays in space / resources*

## True / False

- Buildings in the future will be shorter than today's buildings. T / F
- Experts say people will be living in underwater cities. T / F
- The report is from the tech company Apple. T / F
- Experts say the changes to come by 2116 will be unbelievable. T / F
- Researchers asked 20,000 people about the future. T / F
- People will be able to print download and print pizzas. T / F
- People won't need to go to the doctor as much as they do now. T / F
- People predicted that we will still need to study English. T / F

## Synonym Match

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. report         | a. futuristic   |
| 2. experts        | b. completely   |
| 3. totally        | c. transformed  |
| 4. revolutionised | d. finished     |
| 5. unbelievable   | e. study        |
| 6. questioned     | f. plan         |
| 7. advanced       | g. specialists  |
| 8. design         | h. medical care |
| 9. treatment      | i. asked        |
| 10. used up       | j. incredible   |

## Discussion – Student A

- Do you think everything we see in science fiction movies will come true?
- What do you know about 3D printers?
- What do you think of the idea of printing and eating a 3D pizza?
- What do you think of the idea of home health capsules?
- What are the good and bad things about holidays in space?
- What will life be like in 1,000 years from now?
- Will people still need to study English in the year 2116?
- What questions would you like to ask an expert on the future?

## Phrase Match

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. what life might be like              | a. way we communicate     |
| 2. the way we live, work and play will  | b. likely to happen       |
| 3. people could not                     | c. even more unbelievable |
| 4. The Internet has revolutionised the  | d. design                 |
| 5. changes in the next century would be | e. to study English       |
| 6. predictions they thought were most   | f. imagine how            |
| 7. 3D                                   | g. be totally different   |
| 8. download a                           | h. printers               |
| 9. tell us what the problem is and give | i. in 100 years from now  |
| 10. people would still need             | j. us treatment           |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Do you think the future will be good?
- What do you think your future will be like?
- What do you think of really tall skyscrapers?
- What do you think of the idea of underwater cities?
- Would you prefer to live in the future or in today's world?
- What bad things do you think might be in the future?
- What has the Internet changed for you?

## Spelling

- It isebredcs skyscrapers
- sxepert on space
- llyotat different
- people could not inmaige how
- the way we nmcuetacimo
- changes in the next tcyrune
- Researchers oteiendsqu 2,000 adults
- most eiykl to happen
- ruiatvl work meetings
- download a nesgid for furniture
- We will all have a home health lupeacs
- A cpdeoirnit that was missing

### Answers – Synonym Match

1. e	2. g	3. b	4. c	5. j
6. i	7. a	8. f	9. h	10. d

## Role Play

### Role A – 1616

You think the year 1616 is the best year. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good about their years. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): 1916, 2016 or 2116.

### Role B – 1916

You think 1916 is the best year. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good about their years. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): 1616, 2016 or 2116.

### Role C – 2016

You think 2016 is the best year. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good about their years. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): 1916, 1616 or 2116.

### Role D – 2116

You think 2116 is the best year. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't so good about their years. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): 1916, 2016 or 1616.

## Speaking – 2116

Rank these with your partner. Put the things that will be better about the year 2116 at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- holidays
- food
- jobs
- education
- peace
- movies
- friendships
- pizza

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	F	d	T	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	F
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.