

Questions about the Future

When the examiner asks a question like the one below, you know that you are being tested on your ability to express ideas in the future tense.

Do you think there will be less illness in the future?

Yes, I believe that there will be less illness. The quality of new medicine will probably continue to improve and become more affordable. Furthermore, the quality of healthcare is likely to improve in most countries which will result in more illnesses being cured. I also think that fewer people will get sick because we are becoming more educated about the importance of diet. There is a trend towards healthy eating and I expect this to continue. For example, in my city there are an increasing number of organic supermarkets and juice cafes.

How will the design of homes change in the future?

I don't think there will be much change in terms of what houses look like from the outside. In this country, people still like traditional brick or stone houses. Having said that, the design of apartment blocks will probably continue to develop, with more and more experimental or futuristic buildings made of glass and metal. I imagine that it will be the insides of homes that change the most; houses will no doubt be full of technological devices to make our lives easier. Maybe we'll have things like voice-controlled doors, lights and appliances.

Write an answer to this question and underline the future tense.

How do you think the family will change in the future?

Answer these questions with no preparation.

Do you think computers will one day replace teachers in the classroom?

Do you think that some businesses (e.g. banks and travel agents) will only operate online in future?