

A  Listen to a conversation between Jessica and Ben. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What does Jessica say she is concerned about?
 - A** Her children, John and Mary, don't have enough games.
 - B** Technology is making her children antisocial.
 - C** Her children don't play together.
- 2 What is said about the game Operation?
 - A** You need a steady hand to play the game well.
 - B** Whoever inserts the most body parts is the winner.
 - C** If a player touches the wrong part of the body they get an electric shock.
- 3 What does Ben say about his favorite childhood game called charades?
 - A** It involved acting parts of movies and singing songs.
 - B** It might help his children communicate better.
 - C** It was a game that forced you to use your mind.
- 4 How do Ben and Jessica think their children will react to the idea of playing a game of charades?
 - A** They will undoubtedly think of reasons not to play.
 - B** They will potentially like it because they are both creative.
 - C** They will inevitably be convinced by their parents.

_____ / 8 (2 points each)

B  Listen to the podcast about miniature gardens. Choose *True*, *False*, or *Not Given* (NG) for each statement.

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| 1 Miniature gardens are featured on the episode because they are becoming increasingly popular. | True / False / NG |
| 2 Plants in a "dwarf" garden grow slower than those in a "miniature" garden. | True / False / NG |
| 3 Miniature gardens are easier to look after because of how often they need water. | True / False / NG |
| 4 Even a child could successfully grow a miniature garden. | True / False / NG |

_____ / 8 (2 points each)

C Complete the chart with the words from the box.

analyze antisocial consequence deserted
dismiss envision genuine harsh
impact insensitive isolated stem from

Describing Personality	Describing Remote Places	Talking about Influences	Thought Processes
<i>antisocial</i>			

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D Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Peter was *overwhelmed* / *underestimated* by the number of presents he received on his birthday. He didn't think he would get any.
- 2 Our presentation was *an unqualified success* / *a lucky break* and everyone applauded.
- 3 Studies show that accuracy in medical surgery can be *dramatically* / *feasibly* improved by the assistance of robots.
- 4 The wedding singers gave an original *standpoint* / *interpretation* of the Bruno Mars song *Marry You*.
- 5 When Mary came in as I was wrapping her present, I *just wanted to crawl under a rock* / *could have died*.
- 6 As soon as we had a *beta version* / *working prototype* of our voice-activated lamp, we started testing it to see if it really worked.

_____ / 6 (1 point each)

E Complete the conversation with the words from the box.

aloof dismissed genuinely gracious look down on radically

Tom So what did you think of our new boss?

Karen To tell you the truth, I was pleasantly surprised. I'd heard that she was kind of ¹ _____ and tended to ² _____ people she felt were less experienced than herself. But having met her, my impressions are ³ _____ different from that. I thought she was very warm and ⁴ _____.

Tom You didn't think that she ⁵ _____ Sarah's suggestions in that meeting?

Karen Well, she didn't agree with Sarah's suggestions. But I thought she was ⁶ _____ about it. She listened and then explained why she didn't agree. I don't see anything wrong with that.

_____ / 6 (1 point each)

F Choose the correct answers to complete the conversation.

Luis What are you doing, Natalie?

Natalie I'm setting up ¹ *facial recognition / speech to text* on my phone so I can open it faster. That will be ² *incredibly / noticeably* helpful when I need to unlock my phone but my hands are full.

Luis True. I've set up ³ *voice recognition / computer translation* on mine. I just say "open" and the phone opens. I think we'll be using ⁴ *voice activation / speech to text* a lot more in the future, to switch on lights and control our cars.

Natalie Yes, but I think the idea of a completely driverless car will ⁵ *run up against / face up to* opposition from the public. I think the idea of being on the road with cars without drivers will make some people ⁶ *understandably / utterly* nervous.

Luis I agree.

_____ / 6 (1 point each)

G Complete the conversation with the words from the box.

bird's eye view dramatically fall back
messing around overrated underwhelmed

Emily Did you manage to get some good video with your drone over the weekend?

Chris Not at all. We tried to get a video of some animals on a local farm from above. It would have been a great way to get a ¹ _____ of the animals. But it was raining, so I couldn't fly it.

Emily So no video. That's too bad. I know that you were looking forward to ² _____ with it.

Chris Well, fortunately, I was able to ³ _____ on my cell phone and take some video from the ground, but it wasn't the same.

Emily No?

Chris No. The drone footage would have been ⁴ _____ better.

Emily I don't know ... sometimes I think drone footage is ⁵ _____. I bet the footage on your phone is just fine. Can I see?

Chris Sure, but prepare to be ⁶ _____.

_____ / 6 (1 point each)

H Choose the correct answers to complete the conversation.

- Nick** How did the surprise party go?
- Hannah** Not great. James knew that we had planned something. He tried to pretend that he was surprised, but afterwards he admitted that someone had told him. I had a feeling when we started getting other people involved that someone ¹ *would / had*.
- Nick** With so many people involved, it ² *inevitably was / was inevitably* going to happen.
- Hannah** I'm furious with ³ *who / whoever* told him. If I hadn't told so many of our friends, he wouldn't ⁴ *have found / find* out. ⁵ *The thing that / It* really annoys me is that we spent so long planning it.
- Nick** I ⁶ *wouldn't / mustn't* worry, Hannah. I'm sure he appreciated the effort.
- Hannah** He did, but I ⁷ *can't / won't* be planning another surprise anytime soon.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

I Complete the second sentence with two to five words so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word in parentheses ().

- 1 In 50 years, nobody will remember that we used to use telephones with cables. (forgotten)
In 50 years, people _____ that we used to use telephones with cables.
- 2 There were lots of people in the company. Some were from Europe. (whom)
There were lots of people in the company, _____ were from Europe.
- 3 When you click that link, advertisers will be allowed to target your account. (be)
By clicking that link, _____ advertisers to target your account.
- 4 It is not likely that electric cars will be popular in remote areas. (probably)
Electric cars will _____ popular in remote areas.
- 5 I have only been working hard all day because I didn't know I had more time to finish. (have)
If I had known I had more time to finish, _____ working so hard all day.
- 6 Brian donated ten handmade scarves to the charity sale. They were all sold. (which)
Brian donated ten handmade scarves to the charity sale, _____ were sold.
- 7 If you hadn't been looking for your present, you wouldn't have seen it. (should)
I'm sorry you saw your present, but you _____ looking for it.
- 8 When I was a child, I used to make miniature furniture. (would)
When I was a child, I _____ miniature furniture.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

J Complete the conversation with the words from the box.

having shouldn't what whenever whichever why will would

- Megan** Hi, Kevin, can you help me? I've been invited to two parties at the same time on the same day.
- Kevin** That ¹ _____ happen to you! Typical! I never get invited to parties. Have you said yes to either of them?
- Megan** Yes. This is ² _____ I need your help. ³ _____ already enthusiastically promised to go to the first party, I ⁴ _____ have said yes to the second.
- Kevin** ⁵ _____ you should do is go to both.
- Megan** I thought of that, but it will mean traveling for over an hour, and I'll miss most of each party. If I only go to one, ⁶ _____ I see the other friend, I will feel so bad.
- Kevin** It's tricky. ⁷ _____ one you decide, I'm sure you will have a good time. And while you are having fun, I ⁸ _____ be studying for my final exams.
- Megan** When you're finished, I'll organize a party to celebrate, how's that?
- Kevin** That sounds perfect!

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

K Choose the correct answers.

Each year at *Top Car Magazine* we like to make our predictions for the years ahead. So here's what we think will be happening in the world of automobiles.

- Within three years, drivers will ¹ *be communicating* / *have communicated* regularly with their cars using their voice.
- People learning to drive will ² *be* / *have been* able to practice driving using video consoles, but they ³ *won't definitely* / *definitely won't* be allowed to take their driving test virtually.
- In five years, 30% of the world's transportation will ⁴ *be* / *have been* powered by electricity.
- By the end of the decade, manufacturers will ⁵ *be developing* / *have developed* a fully operational driverless car for the transportation of goods.
- And most importantly, next July, *Top Car Magazine* will ⁶ *be bringing* / *have been bringing* you transportation news online for ten years.

Readers ⁷ *are interested* / *interested* in seeing our full list of predictions can download the list [here](#). What we'd ⁸ *like is* / *like* for you to tell us your predictions in the comments below.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

L Read the article. Then choose the correct answers.

The Rise of the AI Assistant

In the past, there has been a certain negativity around artificial intelligence (AI). Are robots spying on us? Will robots take over the world? But with the arrival of virtual assistants such as Siri and Alexa into the home, consumers are starting to embrace smart technology. In one study, it was reported that 71% of smart-speaker owners used them at least once a day, while 44% admitted using them multiple times a day.

So apart from playing our favorite songs on demand, what else will virtual assistants be able to do?

Light manufacturers, seeing the potential, are creating lighting systems compatible with voice-controlled hardware. So rather than telling your partner to get up to switch off the bedroom light, you can simply tell your virtual assistant to do it. If you can't afford a whole system, why not purchase a standalone lamp to control areas where you might be busy with your hands, such as the kitchen or office?

Experts suggest one of the biggest uses of voice technology will be with TVs. Losing the remote control will be a thing of the past. You will not only be able to switch your smart TV on and off, but also change channels, volume, and the application (TV, internet, etc.) that you are using. Of course, this won't stop arguments over what to watch.

Finally, I predict that virtual assistants will improve their voice-recognition technology to be able to distinguish between multiple users. This means that parents could put restrictions on content for younger children. Also, virtual assistants will become more conversational. When asking for the nearest Italian restaurant, your assistant might ask you how much you want to spend. In time, your assistant will learn from you and may anticipate your behavior, offering suggestions before you even ask!

1 In the first paragraph, what is the writer's main point about artificial intelligence?

- A Attitudes towards AI are changing.
- B Currently, the majority of people who use AI use it in the home.
- C People are increasingly worried about the dangers of AI.

2 What does the writer suggest about virtual assistants?

- A Over 50% of people use them daily.
- B They can tell us what our favorite song is.
- C Some companies think they might be a future business opportunity.

3 What advantage of a voice-controlled lighting system does the writer suggest?

- A They are convenient when you are cooking.
- B They can save time and physical effort.
- C They have a range of prices depending on the needs of the user.

4 What is the writer's main point about using voice technology with TVs?

- A It will be more difficult to lose the remote control.
- B It will have multiple applications.
- C It will reduce tension in the household.

5 The writer thinks that in the future ...

- A young children won't be able to use virtual assistants.
- B virtual assistants will be able to have real conversations.
- C virtual assistants may be able to predict what the user is going to do.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

M Read about four people talking about things they regret doing when they were younger. For questions 1–8, choose from the four people, Nolan, Rebecca, Lucia, and Kenan. Each person may be chosen more than once.

Nolan

I wish I'd chosen my college major based on my interests. I loved English literature, but was a slow reader. On seeing the reading list, I was worried I wouldn't be able to read it all fast enough. So instead, I chose my major based on my best grades, which were in geography. I wasted years not knowing what I wanted to do, when in hindsight, I knew all along. I wanted to be a writer, which fortunately, I am now.

Rebecca

I fought a lot with my parents about needing certain clothes in order to fit in with the other girls. In hindsight, my taste in clothes was terrible, but I thought I was the coolest girl in school. As well as the arguments, I feel bad that I wasted so much of their money because I was so self-centered. Our relationship is better now, but if I hadn't been so obsessed with being fashionable, I wouldn't have treated my parents so badly.

Lucia

I should've spent less time playing games on my smartphone. I became addicted to one game and played it for a whole year when I could have been improving my grades to get into a better college. Curiously, no one really saw it as a problem. If anyone questioned why I was being antisocial, I would reply that I was happy playing it, which seemed acceptable to them.

Kenan

My biggest regret is not learning to say "no." I guess I just wanted to be liked. But by always saying "yes," I ended up at the wrong parties, with the wrong people and never chose my own path. If I'd just stopped for a moment to think what I wanted, I could have designed my own life. By always saying "yes," I let other people control my life.

Which person ...

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| 1 admits doing something that affected their grades? | _____ |
| 2 might have achieved a goal faster than they did? | _____ |
| 3 is sorry that being selfish had negative consequences? | _____ |
| 4 regrets being influenced by other people? | _____ |
| 5 admits a fear of failure had an impact on an important decision? | _____ |
| 6 felt that nobody objected strongly to something they used to do? | _____ |
| 7 says they should have considered their own needs? | _____ |
| 8 felt it was necessary to be socially accepted? | _____ |

_____ / 8 (1 point each)