

Grammar

1 Future probability

Underline the correct alternative in *italics*.

Those antibiotics are unlikely / *sure* to be effective as you've taken so many.

- 1 If improvements in medical care continue at the same rate, children born today will *no chance/no doubt* expect to live until they are at least 90.
- 2 You haven't a *possibility/hope* of finding out who hacked into your computer I'm afraid.
- 3 Maria is *bound/unlikely* to do really well in her exams because she's very bright.
- 4 There *can/may* well be a cure for the common cold soon.
- 5 There's a *strong/heavy* possibility that people will be able to live on the moon in the next few decades.

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2 Future forms (review)

Complete the sentences with the correct words/expressions (a, b or c).

The express train _____ from platform six.

- a leaves b will leave c will have left

1 Georgia looks really pale. I think she _____.

- a is going to faint b is fainting c will faint

2 By the end of the century, scientists _____ robots to replace humans.

- a will be creating b will have created c are going to create

3 Who do you think _____ the next election?

- a wins b will win c will be winning

4 Many more people _____ from home within a few years.

- a will be working b will have worked c are working

5 What time _____ your boss this afternoon?

- a do you meet c will you have met c are you meeting

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3 Future forms (review)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs from the box.

finish	travel	increase	take	be	do
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The lesson finishes at 3.30.

- By the end of the decade the population _____ significantly.
- You _____ part in the clinical trial for the whole month so please don't make any arrangements to travel abroad.
- This time next year we _____ around Australia on our gap year.
- I don't feel very well. I think I _____ sick.
- _____ you _____ anything at the weekend? I was wondering if you'd like to go to the cinema.

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4 Inversion

Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.

I wouldn't want to fly to the moon. (way)
No way would I want to fly to the moon.

- Bob can play the piano and sing very well. (Not)

- Jade never offered to help her brother with his homework. (Not once)

- When you stand in front of the Taj Mahal you'll realise how spectacular it is. (Only)

- I haven't read such an interesting magazine before. (Never)

- You don't often see such inspiring stories on the news. (Rarely)

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5 Progress

No viruses can get through the wrilefal on my computer.

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- 1 If you take too many stobiticain, your immune system becomes weakened.
- 2 Thanks to ingceet engineering you'll soon be able to choose the sex of your babies.
- 3 A krecha got into my computer files and used my credit card.
- 4 Our pets all have a prochimic so they can be returned if they get lost.
- 5 The last space snosmii to Mars was a great success.

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Complete the sentences with the correct words (a, b or c).

What are you ____ to this weekend?

a up b on c down

- 1 I'm looking forward to putting my feet ____ in front of the TV this evening.
a down b off c up
- 2 If you're ____ a loose end, why don't you join us later?
a in b at c over
- 3 Max has been snowed _____ with work recently. He looks exhausted.
a down b under c in
- 4 I can't get ____ of going to Dan's party unfortunately.
a out b through c away
- 5 All my plans for today have fallen _____ so I've got time to myself for a change.
a down b over c through

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7 Special abilities

Complete the sentences using the words from the box.

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Laura is a gifted singer. She's very lucky.

- Alex is respected by his _____ because he's both modest and hard-working.
- I wouldn't say that Chris is a _____ but he's certainly a little strange.
- The violinist Yehudi Menuhin was a child _____.
- Daniel is definitely an Olympic champion _____.
- Any kind of scientific research is intellectually _____.

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8 Two-part expressions

Complete each sentence with one word.

I enjoy going shopping in town now and again.

- There are so many _____ and regulations when setting up a company.
- I'm _____ and tired of your endless complaining.
- Let's try and sort this mess out _____ and for all.
- Your argument won't be very convincing if you can't produce the relevant _____ and figures.
- John is usually _____ and about at the weekends because he likes to be active.

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9 be vague/imprecise

I'll have finished work in an hour or .

- 1 I've got a few ____ and pieces to do and then I'll join you.

- a scraps b bobs c bits

- 2 We go out to posh restaurants once in a ____ moon.

- a blue b full c harvest

- 3 It's _____ of tricky to talk right now. Let me call you later.

- a a kind b sort c quite

- 4 I'll come and pick you up at about six ____.

- a -ty b -y c -ish

- 5 We meet at the local gym ____ time to time.

- a at b from c on

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Reading**10 Read these web postings and answer the questions.***Ivan*

I don't think the general public has any idea of how much damage can be done by someone gaining access to a computer system. It's one thing to have your credit card details stolen, but on an international level there would be all kinds of ramifications. Obviously security is very tight and firewalls are very sophisticated but there will always be people trying to outsmart the system. It's hard to imagine, but perhaps we'll have to go back to an age where we're not so dependent on all this technology.

Lucy

I can imagine living without my computer because I don't often use it, but what I find much more disturbing is the notion that we can manipulate creation. I suppose it's only human to want to control everything but to my mind, nature is perfect and every living being has been created perfectly and fits in to the earth's ecosystem. Why would you want to cross a grapefruit with an orange or have a baby with green eyes rather than blue?

Mark

I can foresee a time though when we'll be able to replicate ourselves. The technology might even already exist but as with all things, in the wrong hands it will have negative consequences. I'm sure there are good applications for the research but it's all rather like a science fiction movie to me. I certainly wouldn't want to see a version of me walking down the street!

Alex

Maybe we'll all become like robots instead. We'll be programmed to think and behave in a certain way and we won't have to take responsibility for anything. It sounds farfetched but when you consider all the scientific developments over the last half-century, it begins to seem plausible. After all, in the 1970s who would have believed that we could communicate with people on the other side of the world in a matter of seconds?

Ellie

The population explosion is what bothers me. I don't think the planet will be able to sustain the numbers for much longer. We're at 7 billion already and counting. Where are we going to get enough food and drinkable water? Maybe there will be an epidemic or outbreak of some flu like there was in the early part of the 20th century. We're so used to taking antibiotics that our resistance is getting weaker. I know that's a very cold-hearted way of looking at things but I think it's realistic.

Claus

On that basis perhaps we should all just leave the planet and settle somewhere else! That would solve the problem and we could start again and hopefully not make the same mistakes. A lot of people think that far too much money is being spent on exploration but I'm sure there will come a time when we'll seriously have to think about relocating.

Who writes about ...?

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| 0 | hacking | <u>Ivan</u> |
| 1 | human cloning | _____ |
| 2 | microchips | _____ |
| 3 | superbugs | _____ |
| 4 | space missions | _____ |
| 5 | genetic engineering | _____ |

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