

B2.3 UNIT 5

EXERCISE 1

Put the following text in the correct order.

Cars of the future will be computers on wheels.

A Cloud computing will enable riders to work or play games during their commutes while listening to their favorite music as chosen by the car, says Kevin Dallas, general manager of Microsoft Windows Embedded. The software giant is working with Ford, BMW and others to make vehicles more connected.

B Think 15 to 20 years out.

C The future took a step closer to reality this year when Nevada became the first place anywhere to issue license plates to self-driving cars, allowing Google, Mercedes-Benz and General Motors to further develop and refine robo-driving on the state's 25,000 miles of road.

D Within 20 years, not as many people will own cars. In fact, they will share them, Boyadjis predicts.

E "It will be a different kind of automotive experience," Boyadjis says. "But for it to take shape, we need a seismic change in people's attitudes toward cars ... and early adoption of technology (by) consumers, automakers and infrastructure."

F HANOVER, Germany – A handful of people have seen the car of the near-future, and it looks suspiciously like a lunar land rover. Or a plane. Or a driverless vehicle. Take your choice.

G For years, we've heard predictions about the cars of the future and seen them depicted in pop culture from the writings of Jules Verne to TV's *The Jetsons*. But advances in wireless communications and battery technology have made what once was a far-off idea a near-reality, says Mark Boyadjis, senior analyst at market researcher IHS Automotive, an industry consulting firm.

H At auto shows and tech conferences around the globe, prototypes of whiz-bang cars offer a visual narrative into what to expect on the nation's streets a decade from now. Some already are in production; others will be shortly, carmakers say. But in technology laboratories and engineering facilities worldwide, the imaginings don't stop there.

I Changes in transportation infrastructure and policy, coupled with technology advances, could make this all possible in the not-too-distant future, say auto executives, analysts and scientists.

J The wild card is how humans will react.

K By 2030, city streets will teem with small, driverless cars whose wireless capabilities direct traffic flow smoothly, rendering traffic lights unnecessary, car designers and automotive visionaries say. The cars themselves will be made of collapsible, lightweight material, allowing them to be tucked into the tiniest parking crevices.



EXERCISE 2 Fill in each blank space with the correct future verb tense (simple future, future continuous, or future perfect):

1. Tomorrow I _____ (paint) all day.
 - a) will be painting
 - b) will paint
 - c) will be paint

2. By the time we get there, the store _____ (close).
 - a) will close
 - b) will have closed
 - c) closed

3. I _____ (see) you tomorrow at 3:00 PM.
 - a) will see
 - b) see
 - c) will be seeing

4. After we finish this video, I _____ (see) all of this director's movies.
 - a) will see
 - b) will be seeing
 - c) will have seen

5. A: Can I come over in an hour?
B: No, I _____ (clean) the house.
 - a) will clean
 - b) will be cleaning
 - c) clean

6. This time next week I _____ (drink) wine in Argentina.
 - a) will drink
 - b) drink
 - c) will be drinking

7. She doesn't realize what kind of person he is, but she _____ (find out).
 - a) will find out
 - b) will be finding out
 - c) will have found out

8. She insulted me. I _____ (speak) to her again!
- a) will never speak
 - b) will never be speaking
 - c) will have never spoken
9. If he continues drinking so fast, he _____ (drink) the whole bottle by midnight.
- a) will drink
 - b) will have drunk
 - c) will be drinking
10. She _____ (tell) me when her birthday is.
- a) will not have told
 - b) will not be telling
 - c) won't tell

EXERCISE 3

Writing (250 - 300 words) Use a variety of structures to describe the future.

Create a time capsule.

Specify the items that will go into the time capsule, where it will be placed and when it will be opened. Then imagine the future population's reaction to their time capsule when it is finally opened. Write a description of your time capsule being opened using future tenses. You should include the reaction that the people who open the capsule will have to the items inside.