

Cars will most likely fly.

• Making a probable prediction

• Making a definite prediction

1 Vocabulary

A Do you think these things will exist in 20 years? Mark ✓ (will exist) or ✗ (won't exist).

_____ cash _____ printed books _____ landline phones
 _____ laptops _____ credit cards _____ gas-powered cars
 _____ DVDs _____ watches _____ language teachers

B PAIR WORK Tell your partner what you think will exist or won't exist.

Example:

A: In 20 years, credit cards won't exist. It will all be digital.

2 Conversation

CD2 36 A Listen. What does the engineer say cars will be like in the future? What will be driving cars in the future?



Katie: So, could you tell me what you think cars of the future will be like? _____



Engineer: Well, they'll be faster and lighter. Cars will be made of plastic—a light and very strong plastic.



Katie: Interesting. And what kind of fuels will they use? _____



Engineer: They'll likely be using hydrogen. _____ They'll definitely be cleaner than today's cars. We're working on zero emission cars.



Katie: That will be fantastic. Is it possible that cars may not need drivers?



Engineer: Oh, yes. One day, computers will make all the decisions for the driver and even control the driving. The driver will just sit back and relax. _____



B PAIR WORK Practice the conversation. Then find the best places to add the sentences below to the conversation and practice it again.

1. They definitely won't be using gasoline. 3. A driver could even sleep.
 2. Will they still use gasoline? 4. How will they be different?

3 Language Booster

A Notice the different ways we make predictions.

Making a probable prediction

Cars could
 Cars will probably
 Cars will likely
 Cars will most likely

be made of plastic.
 fly.

Making a definite prediction

Tomorrow's cars will
 Cars will definitely
 Cars won't

be faster and lighter.
 use hydrogen.

B PAIR WORK Take turns making predictions. Use the ideas from the Vocabulary section and your own ideas.

4 Listening

CD2 37 A Listen. A radio host is interviewing a futurologist. Check (✓) the things a futurologist does.

- _____ 1. predicts the future _____ 4. looks at trends and patterns
 _____ 2. suggests the likelihood of things _____ 5. looks at the short-term future
 _____ 3. studies the past and the present

CD2 38 B Listen to the rest of the interview. Does the futurologist think these things are probable or not probable? Check (✓) the correct column.

	Probable	Not probable
1. People will store their minds on a computer.		
2. There will be brain transplants.		
3. People will travel through time.		
4. Computers will have emotions.		
5. People will live forever.		

SPEAK with CONFIDENCE

A PAIR WORK Think of what could or will happen in these areas in the future. Agree on a prediction for each topic.

medicine technology transportation
 food weather entertainment

I think there will be a cure for cancer.

Me too. When do you think it will happen?

B GROUP WORK Share your predictions. Do others agree with your predictions?

ONLINE PRACTICE

