

# 16 The future

*"I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."*

— Albert Einstein

## Mixed up vocabulary

rtobo - (n) a machine which operates without human control

perinditco - (n) a guess about a future event

fotunre terell - (n) a person who claims to be able to see into the future

fecoastr - (n/v) an outlook for the future (for example *weather* \_\_\_\_\_ )

utpioa - (n) a perfect world

apacployes - (n) the end of the world

brakergohuth - (n) an important discovery which allows progress to be made

## Idioms and collocations

The iPhone was *ahead of its* \_\_\_\_\_ and revolutionised the industry.

If I *look into my crystal* \_\_\_\_\_, I see a bleak future for newspaper journalism.

If I make an *educated* \_\_\_\_\_, I think we'll see driverless cars within 10 to 15 years.

In the *short* \_\_\_\_\_ petrol prices will continue to rise.

*Time will* \_\_\_\_\_ if the Prime Minister's growth forecasts are too pessimistic.

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| <i>ball</i> <i>time</i> <i>term</i> <i>tell</i> <i>guess</i> |
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## Grammar bit

According to some predictions, by the year 2020 mobile phones will be wafer thin, should be able to download a movie in less than a second and could have a battery which lasts for weeks.

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| <b>Would you like to live for 1000 years?</b>                    | <b>What might your mobile phone be able to do in ten years time?</b>                 |
| <b>Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the future?</b>       | <b>Would you like a car that drives itself?</b>                                      |
| <b>What possible future invention do you wish existed now?</b>   | <b>What do you think people will do for entertainment in the future?</b>             |
| <b>Do you think people will work more or less in the future?</b> | <b>What do you think will be important political issues in the next decade?</b>      |
| <b>What laws do you think could change in the future?</b>        | <b>If it was possible to time-travel, which time period would you like to visit?</b> |