

《高中英语》(上外版) 选择性必修第一册第4单元 Future Living

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学习目标 Learning Objectives:

At the end of the lesson, you will be able to ...

1. 能整合本单元语篇对未来生活预测的相关信息,概括未来生活的特征; collect the predictions about future life in this unit and summarize their features;

2. 能分析、评价这些预测,并提出自己的预测; analyze and comment on these predictions and make your own predictions about future life.



Reading A: DOME, SWEET DOME!

Listening: What Human Beings Will Be Like

Viewing: Artificial Intelligence

Reading B: 2050

In this unit, we are going to

- describe what life will be like in the future;
- build awareness of preserving cultural heritage for future generations;
- comment on ideas and propose new ideas;
- express agreement and disagreement in speaking, and use examples as supporting details in writing.

Reading A

Listening

Viewing

DOME, SWEET DOME!



- weather-proof
- solar-powered
- no housework to speak of

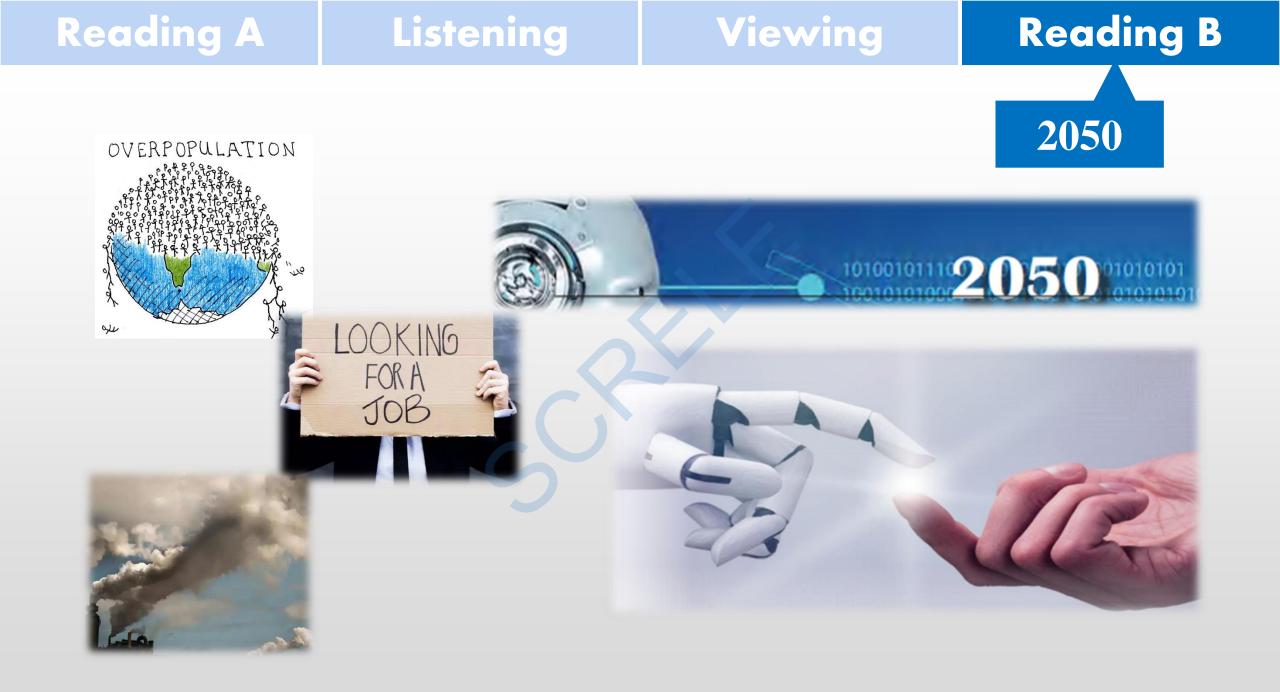
Reading B

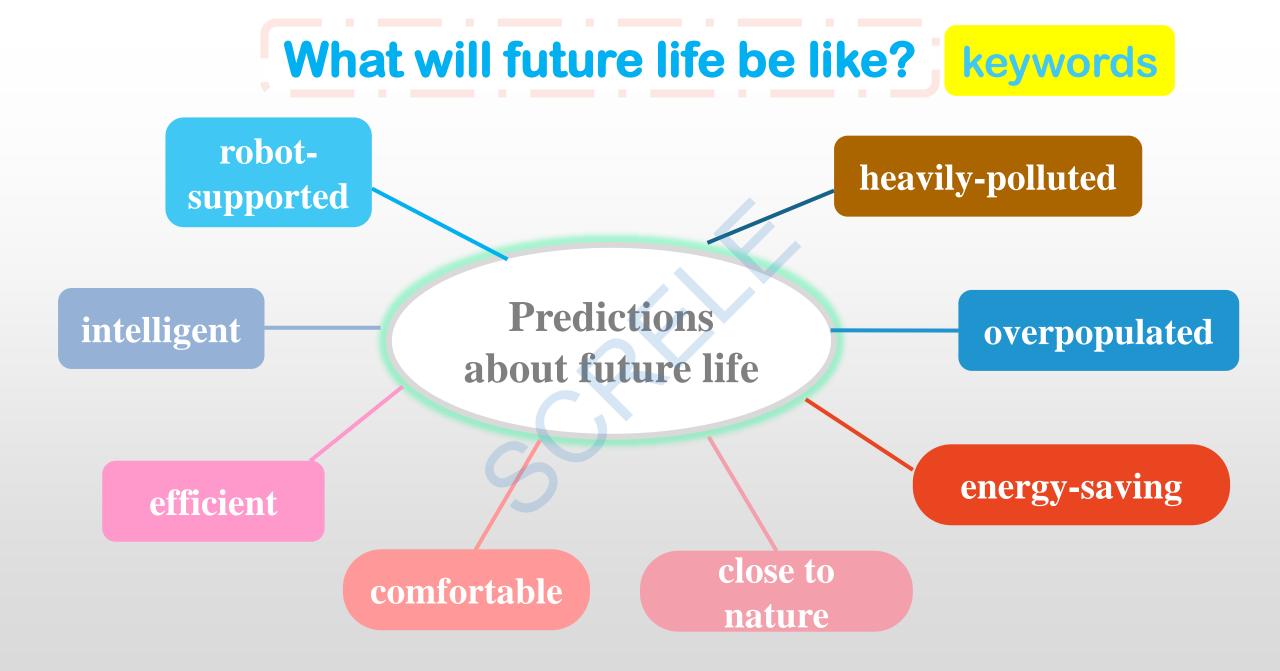


 Reading A
 Listening
 Viewing
 Reading B

 Artificial Intelligence









• Which prediction do you think is the most likely?

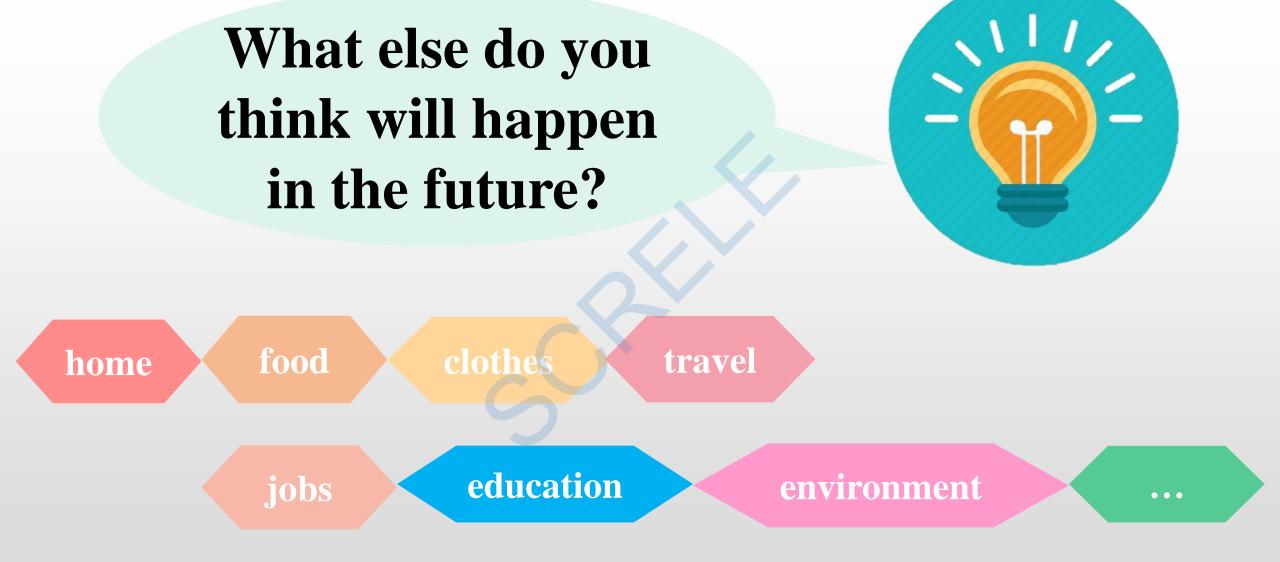
• Which prediction do you think is the most desirable?



In my view, the most likely prediction about future life is "robot-supported". Many people already have robots cleaning their homes at present. A recent report says in the next 50 years, every family will have some sort of a robot servant. So, I believe more robots will be invented to help us in many other aspects in the near future.

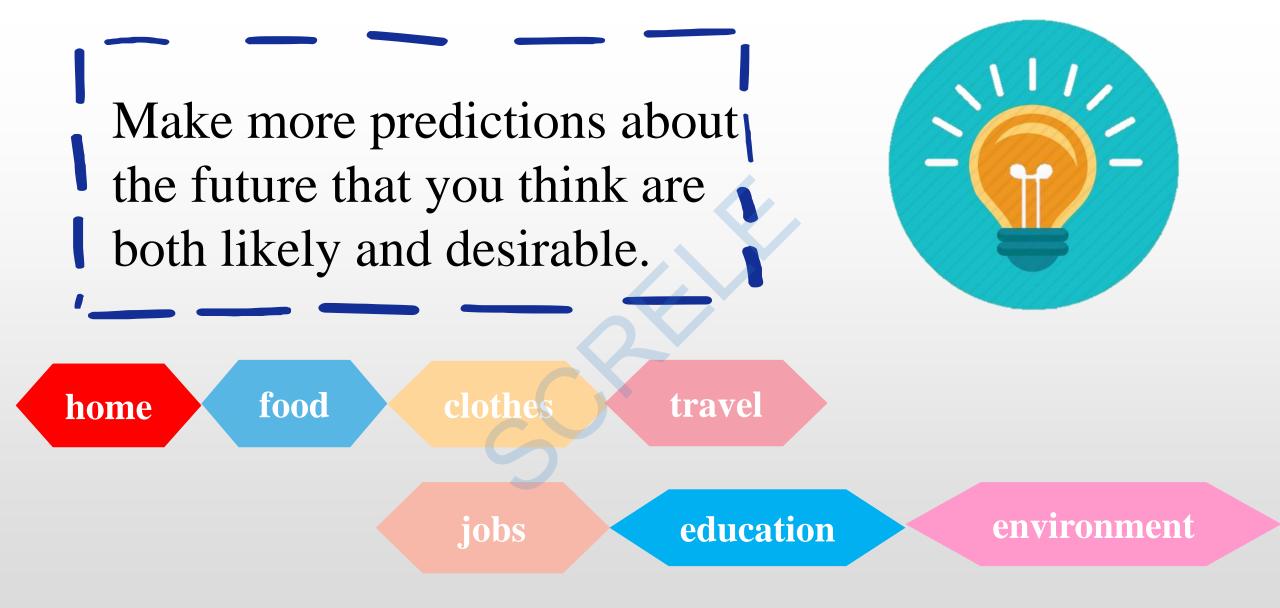


As far as I'm concerned, the most desirable prediction is "energy-saving". As we all know, the natural resources on our planet are limited, so I really want to live in a solar-powered sweet dome which needs only a tiny amount of energy to heat and generate power.



Useful expressions for making predictions

- I believe/ think/ guess...
- ...will/ may/ might...
- It is likely/ possible that...
- Maybe/ Probably/ Perhaps,...
- I hope that.../Hopefully, ...
- be expected to...



I believe future homes will be very safe and environmentally-friendly. Special construction material will be used to prevent flood, fire, radiation and earthquake. What's more, there won't be any formaldehyde (甲醛). So people can move into their homes as soon as they are decorated.

It is very likely that people won't have to take the driving test any more. They will travel in driverless cars and all the cars will be interconnected by 10G Internet and there won't be any traffic jams.



Hopefully, every student will have a robot tutor which will help with their studies. The robot tutor will be able to assess the student's learning level and ability accurately and motivate the student to improve learning efficiency.

Assignment

Choose one aspect of future life and write your own prediction in at least 80 words.

Interaction

Please share your prediction about future life with your partner and comment on his or her prediction.



Thank you!