

《高中英语》（上外版）

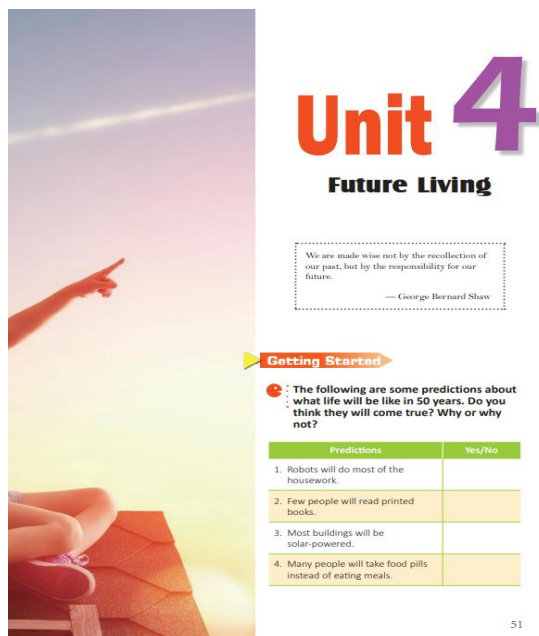
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Future Living

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课时	授课内容
1	Getting Started/ Reading A
1	Reading A/ Vocabulary Focus
1	Grammar in Use
1	Listening, Viewing and Speaking
1	Reading B
1	Critical Thinking
1	Writing
1	Further Exploration/ Self-assessment

学习目标 Learning Objectives:

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

1. 能理解文本内容，描述未来住所的特点和功能；
Understand the main content of the text and describe the features of the future home;

2. 能归纳本篇说明文的篇章结构和文体特征；
Analyze the structure and the textual features of the text;

3. 能谈论未来住所发生的变化，体会科技进步对人类文明的影响。
Talk about the changes taking place in the future home and reflect on the impact of scientific and technological progress on human civilization.

What will our future homes be like?



high-rises



connected residential blocks

READING A

? Can you imagine what our future homes will be like? In what ways do you think future homes might be different from the homes of today?

Home, sweet home!

DOME, SWEET DOME!

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Culture Link

Shikumen and Lilong Life

Homes have changed over time. Today, most of us live in high-rise, self-contained flats, while decades ago, connected residential blocks with an intimate neighbourhood were more common. *Lilong*, a neighbourhood of lanes with *shikumen* houses, is a historical type of housing that was commonly found in Shanghai. At the height of their popularity in the 1930s, *shikumen*-style buildings housed as much as 80% of Shanghai's total population. Today, this proportion is much lower, as many Shanghainese families have been eager to move to newer and more spacious homes, especially in the 1990s. The elderly residents, who are used to the intimacy and conveniences of their neighbourhoods, have a more difficult time leaving *lilong* life behind.

Personal Touch

Which advance(s) in technology mentioned in the text would you like to have in your future home? Why?



dome a round roof

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weather-proof

proof *adj.*

water proof
dust proof
wind proof

solar-powered

solar power/solar energy

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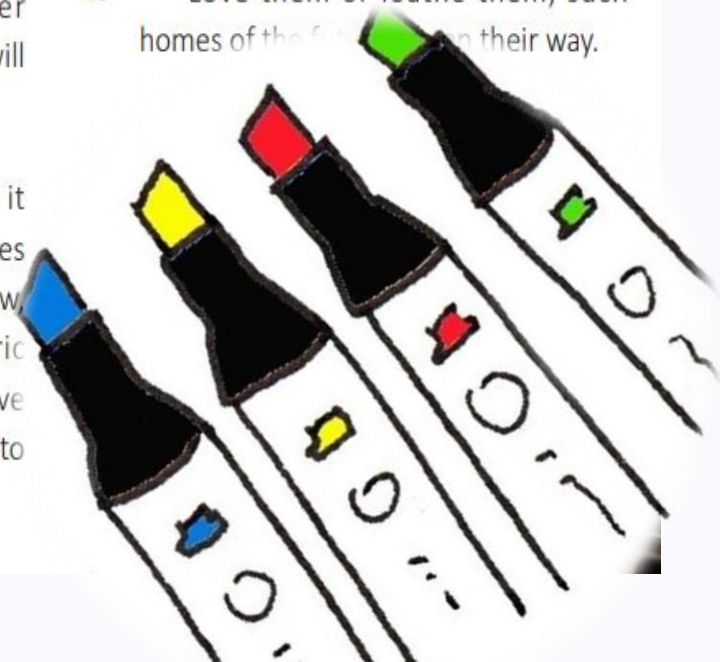
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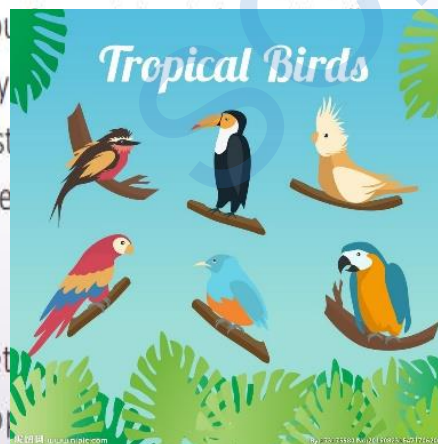
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nest *n.*

Small groups of houses will **nestle** under **gigantic** glass domes by **lush trees and shrubs**.

nestle *v.* to sit or lie down in a warm or soft place

gigantic *adj.* extremely large

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flit *v.* to move lightly and quickly from one place to another

constant *adj.* that does not change

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energy-efficient

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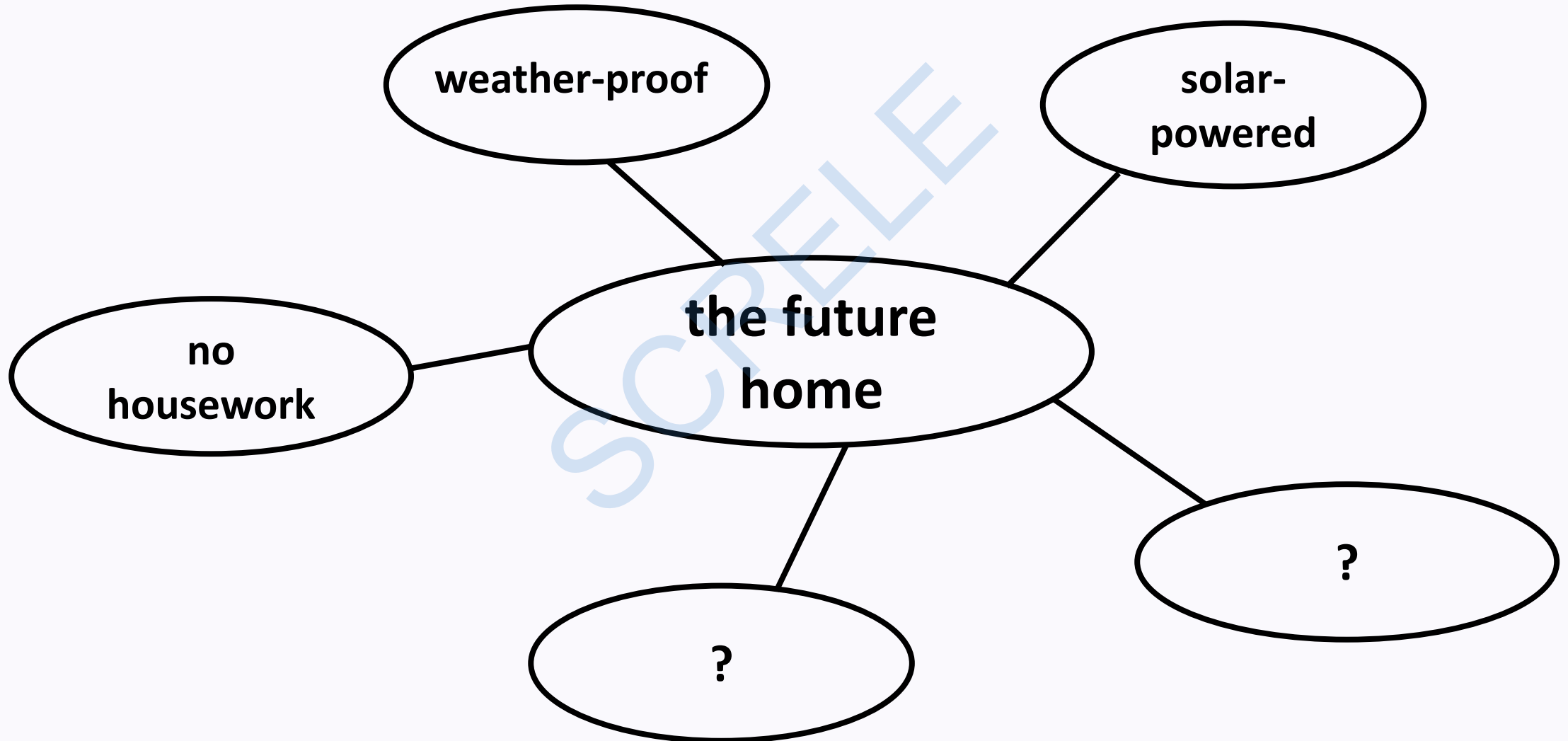
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Find more features of the future home.





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attach v. *join one thing to another*

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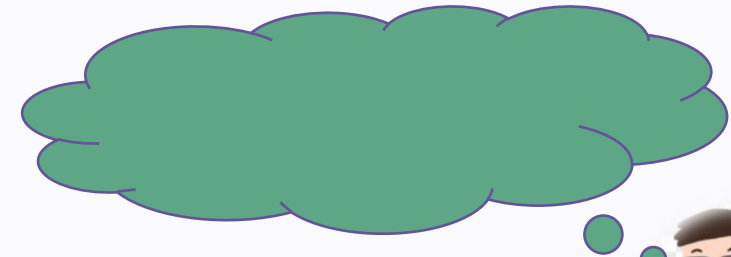
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Discussion

Does the author sound **positive** or **negative** about the future home? Give your reasons.



What makes this passage **interesting** and **easy to read**?

What is the **tone** of the text?

Tone refers to an author's **use of words** and **writing style** to convey his or her **attitude** towards a topic.



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short sentences

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contractions

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Assignments

1. Read the text three times. Pay attention to the pronunciation and intonation.
2. Draw a mind map of **the main features** and **the supporting details** of the future home.

Thank you!