STATE OF THE ART

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Revise the Future Continuous and Future Perfect tenses. Talking in general in the future tenses.

The term 'state of the art' refers to cutting edge technology or to something made with the best possible technology.

Activity One - With your partner:

1. Do you own any 'state of the art' objects or tools?
2. Do you take an interest in technology?
3. Decide what you think the best invention of the last century was.
4. What do you think the best invention of the last ten years was?
5. And what do you think is going to be invented next that will significantly change our daily lives?

Activity Three - **Looking at the Future - Let's review two future tenses.**

Future continuous & Future perfect

The **future continuous** (will be + 'ing' form) and the **future perfect** (will have + past participle) tenses are used to talk about events in the future.

Future continuous

We use the future continuous to talk about something that will be in progress at or around a time in the future.

- *Don't ring at 8 o'clock. I'll be preparing my English lesson.*
- *This time tomorrow we'll be in our English class. I can't wait!*

We can also *use the future continuous to talk about what we assume is happening at the moment.*

- *Don't phone Dan now, he'll be teaching.*
- *The kids are very quiet. They'll be doing something wrong, I know it!*

Future Perfect

We use the future perfect to say that something will be finished by a particular time in the future.

- Do you think you will have finished preparing your lesson by 9pm?

- *In a years time I'll have finished my lessons and I'll be able to speak English well.*

We often use the future perfect with '**by**' or '**in**' '**By**' means '*not later than a particular time*' and '**in**' means '*within a period of time*'.

At Home: http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/simplefuture.html

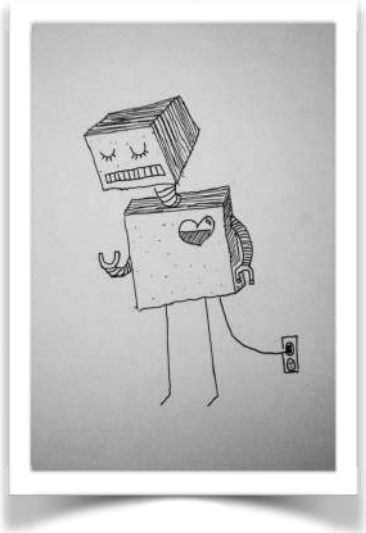


Activity Four - This time next year… ***Quick questions.***

Ask and answer the questions with different people in the room. Walk around the room.

1. What will you be doing this time next year?
2. When will you have finished your studied/your current work project?
3. When will you have decided what you will do at the weekend?
4. What will you be doing this time tomorrow?
5. What will you be eating for dinner tonight?
6. When will you have decided what your plans for next summer are?
7. What do you think will have been invented by 2025?
8. How do you think people will travel in 2035?
9. What do you think will have happened to the climate by 2040?
10. What will have changed in your life by next Christmas?

At home - interesting reading - http://elitedaily.com/news/technology/the-10-things-technology-will-allow-you-to-do-in-the-next-50-years/



Activity Five - Knight Rider
Watch the video - http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02985h2
Could the Knight Rider supercar soon be a reality?

Answer the questions.

1. Who will this car be able to chat with?
2. What will it respond to?
3. How many responses will the car have in its memory?
4. Why does the inventor think it's a good idea?
5. In how long will this type of car be available?

Activity Six - Role Play.
With your partner act out a situation where you are the driver and your partner is your car. Let's see what you **will be talking about**…

Activity Seven - State of the Art Robots.
Let's have a look at some robots and see what progress is being made in this area.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5AnWzjHtWA
The Most Awesome Robots (until 2014) - We will fast forward between Robots.

Which Robot would you like to adopt?

Activity Eight - Robotic Role Play.

With your partner act out a funny or strange scenario between a Robot and its owner.

The Robot has to talk in a robotic way of course and may or may not be very obedient. Or maybe the Robot misunderstands your instructions… use your imagination..

<u>Activity Nine</u> - **Class Vote**

The BBC News website asked its readers to predict what life will be like in 100 years time. Here are the things they predicted in this article (you can read it at home - <u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-16536598</u>) Let's read them and then vote on which we think will be the most likely. You can also add your own predictions.

1. Oceans will be extensively farmed and not just for fish

2. We will have the ability to communicate through thought transmission.

3. Thanks to DNA and robotic engineering, we will have created incredibly intelligent humans who are immortal (game_over)



4. We will be able to control the weather

5. Antarctica will be "open for business"

6. One single worldwide currency

7. We will all be wired to computers to make our brains work faster

8. Nanorobots will flow around our body fixing cells, and will be able to record our memories

9. We will have mastered nuclear fusion

10. There will only be three languages in the world - English, Spanish and Mandarin.

11. Eighty per cent of the world will have gay marriage

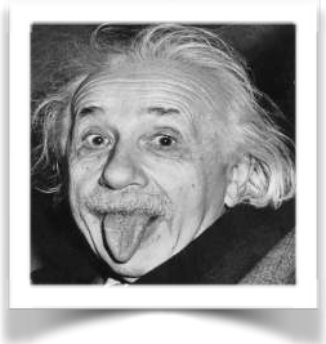
12. California will lead the break-up of the US

13. Space elevators will make space travel cheap and easy

14. Women will be routinely impregnated by artificial insemination rather than by a man

15. There will be museums for almost every aspect of nature, as so much of the world's natural habitat will have been destroyed

16. Deserts will become tropical forests



17. Marriage will be replaced by an annual contract

18. Sovereign nation states will cease to exist and there will be one

19. War by the West will be fought totally by remote control

20. Britain will have had a revolution

