




Worksheet 4. Predictions

Here are six predictions made by famous people. Read the predictions. Then circle True if the prediction came True and False if the prediction turned out to be false.

1. "I think there will be a world market for five computers, **more or less**." --*Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943.* True / False
2. "It will be years -- not in my time -- before a woman will become Prime Minister." --*Margaret Thatcher, 1974.* True / False
3. "No one will ever build a bigger plane." --*A Boeing engineer, after the first flight of the 247, a twin-engine plane that holds ten people, 1933.* True / False
4. "Television may be possible technically, but commercially and financially it is impossible." --*Lee DeForest, inventor, 1926* True / False
5. "**Drill** for oil? Will you drill into the ground to try and find oil? You're **crazy**." --*Workers whom Edwin L. Drake tried to hire for his project to drill for oil in 1859.* True / False
6.  "We don't like their sound, and guitar music is **on the way out**." --*Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962* True / False

crazy = strange and not sensible
drill = make a hole in something with a special tool
hire = pay someone to do a job
more or less = almost, about, not exactly
on the way out = not going to be popular any more
reject = refuse, say "no" to