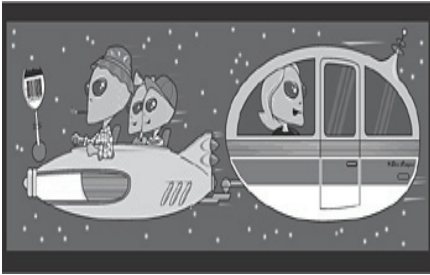




Worksheet 1. Reading: *How Children See the Future*

Read these actual observations from children in school in New York City. Then answer the questions.

How Children See the Future



1. Sarah age 10: "Yes, I think there will be **discoveries** of life on other planets."

2. Lisa, age 11: "Maybe life on other planets will be discovered. I would like to travel on a spaceship to **outer** space and take my three cats with me."

3. Ricky, age 9: "I think that if we all ride on bikes, we can **limit** all the **pollution** in the world. And maybe build a **monorail** to go around the whole city."



4. Carlos, age 11: "If New York City keeps going the way it is, things will be **worse**. The city will be more **crowded**, with more traffic, worse air, more **litter**, less open and green spaces. We need to take care of the **environment** and **recycle** things so we have less **garbage**."

5. Sabrina, age 12: "In the year 2020, my city, New York, will be the **ideal** living place. People will **heat** their homes in a different way, not from coal or oil. They will use large solar panels to collect the sun's rays for their heating needs. Many people will go to space camps to **prepare** for space living. In short, the future will **transform** the way people live."



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Choose the correct completion.

1. Sara thinks that _____.
 - a. she will travel to another planet
 - b. we will find life on another planet
2. Lisa _____.
 - a. is sure that there is life on other planets
 - b. thinks that there may be life on other planets
3. Lisa wants _____.
 - a. to travel in space
 - b. to take her dogs with her
4. Ricky thinks that _____.
 - a. if we ride on bikes, we can limit pollution
 - b. that people will ride bikes in space
5. Carlos thinks that _____.
 - a. New York City is getting worse
 - b. New York City is getting better
6. Carlos says that _____.
 - a. we may get more garbage.
 - b. we may get less garbage.
7. Sabrina thinks that _____.
 - a. New York City will be a perfect place
 - b. New York City will be worse
8. Sabrina believes that _____.
 - a. we will heat houses with coal and oil
 - b. we will heat houses with energy from the sun
9. Sabrina says that people will go to special camps _____.
 - a. to use less electricity
 - b. to learn how to live in space
10. Sabrina thinks that _____.
 - a. people in the future will be the same
 - b. the future will change how people live.