

Oxford Heroes 2

Reading: The Future of Computers

1. Read the text. Match the headings with paragraphs.

1. Computer people and animals
2. Computers in our bodies
3. New types of games

The future of computers



Computer technology is getting better every day and experts say computers are going to control our lives. How? Let's look at some examples.

A

- 5 Have you got a personal computer? In the future we'll all have a lot of tiny computers. We'll have computers in our clothes and in watches and jewellery. They'll help us learn, give us directions to places and pay for things. We'll even have a
- 10 computer inside us. When we're ill, it will send messages to a 'computer doctor'. The 'doctor' will find out the problem, and help us to become healthy again!

B

- 15 Do you play computer games? Well, research shows that games are going to become much more exciting! In the future, you won't use a joystick. You'll talk to the computer, and the characters in the game will do what you say. Your computer will film you, too. So you'll be in the game!

C

- 20 Would you like a robot at home? Some lucky children have got robot pets now and there are a lot of other robots. But there is one problem, they can't think! In the future we'll have clever robots. They'll look like us, talk like us and do
- 25 things like us. That's fantastic! ... Or is it scary?

2. Read the text again. Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

In the future we'll have one big computer.

False.

In the future we'll all have a lot of computers.

1. We'll wear computers.
2. We won't visit the doctor.
3. Computer games will be boring.
4. At the moment robot pets can't think.
5. Robots will become like us.

3. Match the words from the text with the definitions.

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| 1 expert (line 02) | a Bracelets and necklaces. |
| 2 control (line 03) | b Very small. |
| 3 tiny (line 06) | c This person knows a lot about a subject. |
| 4 jewellery (line 08) | d Studies |
| 5 ill (line 10) | e Have power over somebody. |
| 6 research (line 14) | f Not healthy. |

4. What do you think? Is new computer technology fantastic or scary?