



## Past Predictions: A Glimpse into 2025

### Description

In 1995, the BBC's Tomorrow's World show tried to guess what the world would be like in 2025. They thought there might be riots and chaos due to the internet. They also predicted that space mining would be a big industry and that robots would help with surgeries. The show even imagined a future where people could bank using a chip in their arm! However, not all their predictions came true. For example, we don't have super foam gel in space, and there are no self-driving cars everywhere.

Presenters like Monty Don and Vivienne Parry shared their memories of the predictions. Monty Don thought the show was a bit too optimistic for the future. Vivienne Parry still works in science and has seen some of the predictions come true.

Looking forward to 2055, experts think we could be more connected to technology and using it to share ideas more easily. They also believe that advancements in materials and bioengineering could change the world for the better. But one thing is for sure, the future will be different from what we expect.

### Vocabulary List:

1. **Predicted** /prɪ'dɪktɪd/ (verb): Expected or forecasted something that would happen in the future.
2. **Optimistic** /ˌɒptɪ'mɪstɪk/ (adjective): Having a hopeful or positive attitude about the future.
3. **Advancements** /əd'vænsmənts/ (noun): Progress or improvements in a particular field.
4. **Connected** /kə'nektɪd/ (adjective): Linking or joining together especially in relation to technology.
5. **Bioengineering** /ˌbaɪoʊˌendʒɪ'nɪrɪŋ/ (noun): The application of engineering principles to biology and medicine.
6. **Chaos** /'keɪɒs/ (noun): Complete disorder and confusion often related to societal issues.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. In what year did the BBC's Tomorrow's World show try to predict the world in 2025?

Option: 1995

Option: 2000

Option: 2010

Option: 2020



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2. What industry did the Tomorrow's World show predict would be significant in the future?
- Option: Space mining
  - Option: Agriculture
  - Option: Fashion
  - Option: Finance
3. Which presenter of the show believed the predictions were too optimistic for the future?
- Option: Monty Don
  - Option: Vivienne Parry
  - Option: No presenter believed that
  - Option: Both presenters agreed
4. What type of robots did the show predict would assist in surgeries in the future?
- Option: Industrial robots
  - Option: Military robots
  - Option: Service robots
  - Option: Surgical robots
5. Which prediction did not come true according to the text?
- Option: Super foam gel in space
  - Option: Self-driving cars everywhere
  - Option: Banking using a chip in the arm
  - Option: Riots and chaos due to the internet
6. What significant advancement do experts believe could change the world for the better by 2055?
- Option: Advancements in AI
  - Option: Advancements in bioengineering
  - Option: Advancements in agriculture
  - Option: Advancements in virtual reality

### **True-False**

7. The Tomorrow's World show predicted that people could bank using a chip in their arm.
8. Monty Don is no longer involved in the field of science.
9. By 2055, experts predict we could be less connected to technology.



10. Vivienne Parry still works in the field of science.
11. Space mining becoming a big industry was one of the accurate predictions of the show.
12. The future will be exactly as we expect it to be.

### Gap-Fill

13. Monty Don thought the show was a bit too optimistic for the future, believing it was too \_\_\_\_\_.
14. We don't have super foam gel in space, and \_\_\_\_\_ are not everywhere as predicted by the show.
15. According to the text, experts believe that advancements in materials and \_\_\_\_\_ could change the world for the better by 2055.
16. Vivienne Parry, who still works in science, has seen \_\_\_\_\_ of the predictions come true.
17. The show imagined a future where people could bank using a \_\_\_\_\_ in their arm.
18. In 1995, the Tomorrow's World show predicted that there might be riots and chaos due to the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 1995 2. Space mining 3. Monty Don 4. Surgical robots 5. Self-driving cars everywhere 6. Advancements in bioengineering

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. optimistic 14. self-driving cars 15. bioengineering 16. some 17. chip 18. internet

### Vocabulary quizzes



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**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. Which household appliance is used to keep food cold?  
Option: Microwave  
Option: Refrigerators  
Option: Toaster  
Option: Blender
2. Which field focuses on the application of engineering principles to biological systems?  
Option: Astronomy  
Option: Bioengineering  
Option: Botany  
Option: Geology
3. What term describes a positive or hopeful attitude towards the future?  
Option: Depressed  
Option: Optimistic  
Option: Pessimistic  
Option: Anxious
4. What is the presence of harmful substances in the environment known as?  
Option: Cleanliness  
Option: Pollution  
Option: Purity  
Option: Hygiene
5. Which term refers to events where people come together in one place?  
Option: Isolation  
Option: Gatherings  
Option: Solitude  
Option: Separation
6. What is a state of complete disorder and confusion called?  
Option: Calm  
Option: Order  
Option: Chaos  
Option: Peace
7. Which term is related to the study of the natural world through observation and experimentation?  
Option: Artistic  
Option: Scientific  
Option: Philosophical



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Option: Literary

8. Which word means linked or joined together?

Option: Separated

Option: Disconnected

Option: Lonely

Option: Connected

9. What are slight to moderate earthquakes often felt over a large area?

Option: Hurricanes

Option: Blizzards

Option: Tremors

Option: Tsunamis

10. What are lines or creases on the surface of something?

Option: Smooth

Option: Folds

Option: Wrinkles

Option: Curves

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ practices aim to reduce the impact on the environment.

12. The new software was meticulously \_\_\_\_\_ by a team of experts.

13. The detective uncovered the \_\_\_\_\_ painting in the art gallery.

14. Exams can be very \_\_\_\_\_ for students.

15. The company is planning on \_\_\_\_\_ its operations into new markets.

16. Regular exercise is essential for maintaining good \_\_\_\_\_.

17. The meeting was \_\_\_\_\_ for those who could not attend.

18. The firefighters \_\_\_\_\_ the cat from the burning building.

19. The recent policy changes have \_\_\_\_\_ many businesses in the area.

20. It is wise to \_\_\_\_\_ in your education for a better future.



**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Rapid technological have transformed various industries in recent years.
22. In today's digital age people are more through social media platforms.
23. Adverse weather may cause flight delays.
24. The weather forecast heavy rainfall for the weekend.
25. The art dealer confirmed that the painting was indeed .
26. Following the accident there was utter at the scene.
27. It is important to time in building meaningful relationships.
28. The heart is a vital in the human body.
29. combines principles from biology and engineering to solve medical problems.
30. Reducing carbon emissions is crucial in the fight against climate .

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Refrigerators 2. Bioengineering 3. Optimistic 4. Pollution 5. Gatherings 6. Chaos 7. Scientific 8. Connected 9. Tremors 10. Wrinkles

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Climate-friendly 12. Developed 13. Fake 14. Stressful 15. Expanding 16. Well-being 17. Recorded 18. Rescued 19. Affected 20. Invest

**Matching sentence:** 1. Advancements 2. Connected 3. Conditions 4. Predicted 5. Fake 6. Chaos 7. Invest 8. Organ 9. Bioengineering 10. Pollution

**CATEGORY**

1. Sci/Tech - LEVEL2

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