

B1 TEENS

Dream Jobs That Didn't Exist 10 Years Ago

Future of work and future forms: will, going to, present continuous

B1 Intermediate | Grammar | Reading | 40 min

★ Lesson Objectives

- ✓ Read about jobs created by technology and social change
- ✓ Learn vocabulary for careers, technology and the modern workplace
- ✓ Use will for predictions and spontaneous decisions
- ✓ Use going to for plans and evidence-based predictions
- ✓ Use present continuous for fixed arrangements
- ✓ Write about future career plans using all three future forms

1 Before You Read

- ▶ What job do you want? Did that job exist when your parents were young?
- ▶ Can you name a job that didn't exist ten years ago?
- ▶ Do you think AI will replace jobs, create new ones, or both?

2 Reading: Jobs Your Parents Never Imagined

Words in this colour are key vocabulary -- definitions are in Section 3.

Jobs Your Parents Never Imagined

When your parents were teenagers, they probably dreamed of becoming doctors, lawyers, teachers or engineers. Those jobs still exist -- but today's teenagers have an entirely different set of **career** options. Technology, social media and changing **consumer** habits have created a whole new world of work. And according to experts, this is only the beginning.

Content Creator / Influencer

Perhaps the most visible new career is the **content creator**. Ten years ago, earning a

living making videos in your bedroom seemed **absurd**. Today, top YouTubers earn millions. Thousands of smaller creators earn a comfortable **income** by building a **loyal** audience and working with brands. "I'm going to launch my own clothing line next year," says 22-year-old Zara Osman from Dubai, who has 1.2 million followers. "I never planned this career -- it didn't exist when I was at school. But now I'm earning more than most people with a university **degree**."

AI Prompt Engineer

One of the newest jobs is the AI **prompt** engineer -- a person who writes instructions for AI systems to get the best results. Companies are **hiring** prompt engineers at salaries up to \$300,000. "This job literally didn't exist three years ago," says tech **recruiter** James Park from San Francisco. "I think this **field** will grow enormously. We're going to see prompt engineering become as common as web design."

Sustainability Consultant

As climate change becomes a bigger **priority**, companies hire **sustainability** consultants to reduce their environmental impact. These professionals **advise** businesses on reducing carbon **emissions** and creating **ethical** supply chains. "I'm meeting with three new clients next week," says Ana Ferreira from Lisbon. "Every company wants to be greener -- it's about the environment and **reputation**."

E-sports Professional

Professional gaming has exploded into a multi-billion dollar industry. Top players compete in **tournaments** watched by millions. "When I told my parents I was going to become a professional gamer, they laughed," says 19-year-old Liam Chen from South Korea. "But now I'm earning a good salary and travelling the world. I think e-sports will become an Olympic event within ten years."

What Jobs Will Exist in 2035?

Career futurist Dr. Elena Vasquez says: "Many teenagers will work in jobs that haven't been invented yet. We're going to need space tourism guides, **virtual reality** architects, digital identity managers, and AI ethics officers. But the most important skill won't be technical -- it will be **adaptability**."

Dr. Vasquez warns: "AI will **automate** many jobs. Some will disappear. But for every job lost, new ones will be created. The key is developing skills machines can't **replicate** -- creativity, empathy, critical thinking and working with people. If you can do those things, your future will be bright."

3 Vocabulary

| Word | Definition | Example |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| career | professional life or job path | "Building a career in tech." |
| content creator | person making online media | "Creators earn from brands." |
| income | money earned from work | "Good income from YouTube." |

| Word | Definition | Example |
|------------------------|---|--|
| degree | university qualification | "You don't always need a degree." |
| prompt | instruction given to AI | "Writing good prompts is valuable." |
| recruiter | person who finds and hires employees | "The recruiter found her a job." |
| field | area of work or study | "AI is a fast-growing field." |
| sustainability | meeting needs without damaging the future | "Companies invest in sustainability." |
| emissions | gases released into the air | "Reduce carbon emissions." |
| ethical | morally right or acceptable | "Consumers want ethical products." |
| reputation | opinion people have about you | "Company reputation matters." |
| tournament | competition with many matches | "E-sports tournaments fill stadiums." |
| adaptability | ability to adjust to new situations | "Most important future skill." |
| automate | use machines instead of people | "AI will automate many jobs." |
| replicate | copy or reproduce exactly | "Machines can't replicate creativity." |
| virtual reality | computer-created environment | "VR architects will design spaces." |

Collocations: build a career • earn a living • job market • career path • work-life balance • job title • growing field • apply for a job

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Grammar: Future Forms -- will, going to, present continuous

will = prediction (opinion): "I think this field will grow enormously."

going to = plan: "I'm going to launch my own clothing line."

going to = evidence: "We're going to see prompt engineering become common."

present continuous = arrangement: "I'm meeting three new clients next week."

| Form | Use | Signals | Example |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| will + base | Predictions, decisions, promises | I think, probably | AI will change everything. |
| going to + base | Plans, evidence-based predictions | plan to, look at... | I'm going to study medicine. |

| Form | Use | Signals | Example |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| present cont. | Fixed arrangements | tomorrow, next week | I'm starting Monday. |

will vs going to -- Key Difference

will = decision NOW: "Phone's ringing. I'll answer it!" (spontaneous)

going to = decision BEFORE: "I'm going to apply for that job." (already decided)

⚠ Common Mistakes

~~I will to study medicine.~~ → I will study medicine. (no "to" after will)

~~I'm going study engineering.~~ → I'm going to study. (don't forget "to")

~~I meet my boss tomorrow.~~ → I'm meeting my boss tomorrow. (present continuous for arrangements)

5 Match the Halves

| # | Beginning | Ending |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | I think AI will | change the job market completely. |
| 2 | She's going to study | computer science next year. |
| 3 | I'm meeting my career adviser | on Thursday afternoon. |
| 4 | Robots will probably | replace many factory jobs. |
| 5 | He's going to apply | for a job at a tech company. |
| 6 | I'm starting my internship | next Monday morning. |
| 7 | I think e-sports will become | more popular than traditional sports. |
| 8 | We're going to need | new skills for future jobs. |
| 9 | She'll probably work | in a job that doesn't exist yet. |
| 10 | I'm flying to London next week | for a job interview. |

6 Comprehension Quiz

1. What does an AI prompt engineer do?

Answer: Writes instructions for AI systems

2. Why hire sustainability consultants?

Answer: Reduce environmental impact and protect reputation

3. Most important future skill (Dr. Vasquez)?

Answer: Adaptability

4. What can't machines replicate?

Answer: Creativity, empathy, critical thinking

5. 'I think robots will replace many jobs.' Form?

Answer: will (prediction/opinion)

6. 'I'm going to study medicine.' Form?

Answer: going to (plan decided before now)

7. 'I'm meeting my boss at 3 PM tomorrow.' Form?

Answer: present continuous (fixed arrangement)

8. Which is WRONG?

Answer: I will to study engineering next year.

7 Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: will change • 'm going to study • 'm meeting • will probably • 're going to need • 'm starting • 'll answer • is going to rain

1. I think technology _____ the job market.

2. I _____ computer science -- I've already applied.

3. I _____ my career adviser on Thursday.

4. Robots _____ replace many factory jobs.

5. We _____ new skills for future jobs.

6. I _____ my internship next Monday.

7. The phone's ringing -- I _____ it!

8. Look at those dark clouds -- it _____.

Answers: 1. will change • 2. 'm going to study • 3. 'm meeting • 4. will probably • 5. 're going to need • 6. 'm starting • 7. 'll answer • 8. is going to rain

8 Speaking & Writing

◆ Discussion Questions

What job do you want? Will it still exist in 20 years?

Content creator, AI engineer or sustainability consultant -- which and why?

Will university degrees still be important in 10 years?

What jobs will AI create that don't exist yet?

'The most important skill is adaptability.' Agree?

◆ Example Dialogue

A: What are you going to do after school?

B: I'm going to study AI and machine learning. I think it's the biggest field.

A: I'm not sure yet -- I think I'll probably work in sustainability.

B: Are you doing anything this summer to prepare?

A: I'm starting an internship at a green energy company next month.

B: I think companies will need both AI experts and sustainability people!

✍ Writing Task

Write 100-150 words. Use all three future forms at least once:

Option A: Your career plans. What are you going to study? What job will you have?

Option B: Invent a job that will exist in 2035. What will this person do?

9 Future Job Match — The Game

Interactive game available online. Choose the correct future form in 10 career scenarios!

| # | Scenario | Answer |
|---|--|-------------------|
| 1 | AI ___ most jobs. (prediction/opinion) | will change |
| 2 | I ___ CS next year. Already applied. (plan) | 'm going to study |
| 3 | She ___ her new job Monday. Arranged. (arrangement) | is starting |
| 4 | Look at that queue! This ___ ages. (evidence) | is going to take |
| 5 | Phone ringing! I ___ it! (spontaneous) | 'll answer |
| 6 | We ___ a presentation tomorrow at 10. (arranged) | are giving |
| 7 | Robots ___ replace factory workers. (prediction) | will probably |
| 8 | She ___ for an internship. Decided last week. (plan) | is going to apply |
| 9 | Don't worry -- I ___ you. (promise) | 'll help |

| # | Scenario | Answer |
|----|---|-----------|
| 10 | He ___ to Berlin Friday for interview. (arranged) | is flying |

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Review Checklist

- ✓ I can understand a text about new careers and the future of work
- ✓ I can use vocabulary for careers, technology and the workplace
- ✓ I can use will for predictions and spontaneous decisions
- ✓ I can use going to for plans and evidence-based predictions
- ✓ I can use present continuous for fixed arrangements
- ✓ I can write about my future career using all three future forms

Congratulations!

You have completed this lesson: Dream Jobs That Didn't Exist 10 Years Ago