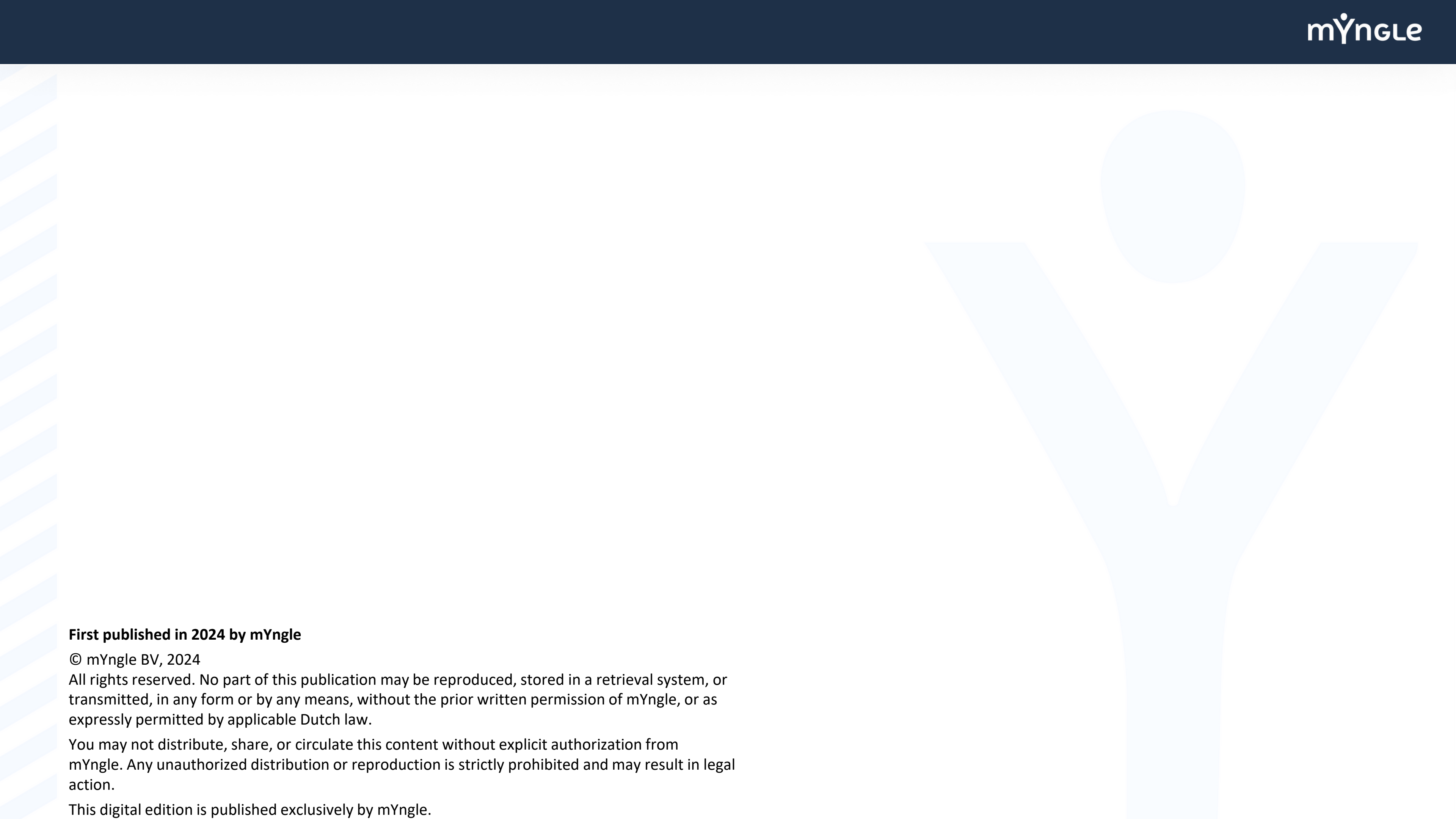


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Homework - Unit 13: Future Trends



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1. Read the following text about the future of technology and find words/phrases in the text that match these definitions (1-8).

1. Something that is likely to happen soon or in the near future. _____.
2. Considering the outcome or impact over a long period of time. _____.
3. some point in the future. _____.
4. There is no limit to what can be achieved. _____.
5. To start an idea or plan that will grow and develop over time. _____.
6. To keep up with the latest information or news. _____.
7. This means that only in the future will we know the result or outcome of something. _____.
8. A future that is full of hope, opportunities, and positive possibilities. _____.

The Future of Technology

In the not-so-distant future, technology will play an even bigger role in our daily lives. With limitless applications in areas like healthcare, education, and transportation, the sky's the limit for what we can achieve. New devices and services are just around the corner, offering exciting possibilities for everyone.

Down the road, we may see robots in every home, helping with household tasks. In years to come, artificial intelligence could become a common part of our workplaces, making jobs easier and more efficient. Although we cannot predict everything, time will tell how these changes will shape our lives.

For now, it's important to plant a seed for future growth by learning how to use new technology. This way, we will have access to the best tools and resources. To make sure we don't miss out on these advancements, we need to stay updated on what's happening in the tech world. On the horizon, there are new inventions that could make life simpler and more enjoyable. In the long run, investing time and effort into learning new skills will lead to a bright future. With technology moving so fast, we are truly living in an era where anything is possible!

2. Decide if the following statements are True or False. Justify the false ones.

1. In the text, technology is expected to play a smaller role in the future.
2. "Sky's the limit" means there are no limits to what can be achieved with technology.
3. Robots may be a part of our homes down the road.
4. The text says it is not necessary to stay updated on technological advancements.
5. "Just around the corner" means something is going to happen in the far distant future.
6. The text suggests that learning new technology can lead to a bright future.
7. "In years to come" refers to something happening in the past.

3. Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences (1-6. with the phrases below.

**down the road - limitless applications – in the not so distant future
– plant a seed – stay updated – sky's the limit**

1. _____, new technologies will change the way we live and work, offering exciting possibilities.
2. There are _____ for artificial intelligence, from healthcare to education.
3. To prepare for these changes, it is important to _____ with the latest trends in technology.
4. _____, we might see robots becoming a part of everyday life, helping us with daily tasks.
5. Learning new skills now will _____ for future success.
6. With these advancements, the _____ for what we can achieve.



1. Choose the most suitable option to complete the text below.

The Future of Dating Apps

With rapid advancements in technology, exciting changes for dating apps are **1. on the horizon / in the long run / in years to come**. We might soon see new features like virtual reality dates and advanced AI matching systems becoming a standard part of the experience. These changes could make finding a perfect match easier and more personalized than ever.

2. In years to come / In the long run / on the horizon, dating apps may evolve to include features that focus more on building deeper connections rather than just casual swiping. **3. in years to come / on the horizon / in the long run**, the way people meet and form relationships could be transformed entirely by these apps, creating new possibilities for meaningful interactions.

However, what dating apps will look like **4. down the road / time will tell / in the long run** depends on how users adapt to these changes and what they prioritize in their search for partners. **5. Time will tell / Down the road / On the horizon** whether these innovations will truly lead to better relationships or simply change the way we connect.

2. Answer the following questions about the text from exercise 1.

1. Why might dating apps become more personalized **in years to come**?
2. What kind of changes are mentioned as being **on the horizon** for dating apps?
3. How might dating apps focus on building deeper connections **in the long run**?
4. What does the phrase "**time will tell**" imply about the future of dating apps?
5. How could the evolution of dating apps **down the road** depend on users' preferences?

3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrase from the box below

Time will tell

in the long run

down the road

On the horizon

in years to come

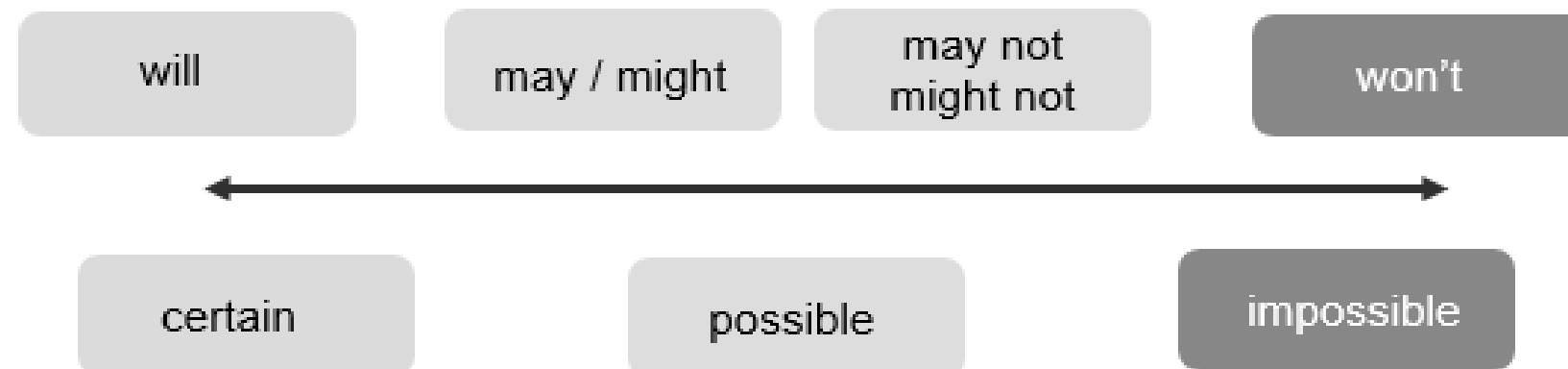
1. With new technology, many changes for dating apps are _____.
2. The way dating apps might help people build deeper connections _____ could change how relationships form.
3. The impact of AI on dating apps will be seen _____ as it becomes more advanced.
4. It's hard to say if these new features will be beneficial, but _____ how they will affect dating.
5. The success of virtual reality dates might be seen _____, depending on user acceptance.

4. Reflect on the text and answer the questions in 1-2 sentences.

1. In the text, virtual reality dates and AI matching systems are mentioned as future changes for dating apps. How do you think these features could impact the way people form relationships?
2. The text says, "**In the long run**, dating apps may evolve to include features that focus more on building deeper connections." Why do you think this change is important for the future of dating?

Grammar

- 1. Will** – We use "will" when we are sure that something is going to happen in the future.
 - **Example:** "I **will** go to the party tomorrow."
 - **Meaning:** You are certain that you are going to the party.
- 2. May / Might** – We use "may" and "might" when we are not sure if something will happen. They mean "maybe yes, maybe no." "May" and "might" are very similar in meaning, so you can use either one.
 - **Example:** "I **may** go to the park later." / "I **might** go to the park later."
- 3. May Not / Might Not** – We use "may not" and "might not" when we are not sure if something will **not** happen. They mean "maybe not."
 - **Example:** "I **may not** go to the party tonight." / "I **might not** go to the party tonight."
 - **Meaning:** You are not sure if you will go to the party. It's possible that you won't go.
- 4. Won't** – "Won't" is short for "will not." We use "won't" when we are sure that something is **not** going to happen.
 - **Example:** "I **won't** go to the park today."
 - **Meaning:** You are certain that you are **not** going to the park.



Quick Summary

- **Will** = Sure something will happen (100%).
- **May/Might** = Not sure, maybe yes, maybe no (50%).
- **May Not/Might Not** = Not sure, maybe not (50%).
- **Won't** = Sure something will **not** happen (100%).

1. Complete the sentences using will, may, might, may not, might not, or won't.

1. In the future, dating apps _____ include virtual reality dates to make meeting new people more fun.
2. AI technology _____ help doctors diagnose diseases more accurately.
3. Some people _____ want to use dating apps with advanced technology because they prefer meeting in person.
4. In the next few years, we _____ see robots assisting with household tasks.
5. The new dating app feature _____ become very popular, but it's still uncertain.
6. In the long run, companies _____ need to stay updated on new technology to be successful.
7. Dating apps _____ help people find long-term partners in the future, but they may just be for casual fun.
8. The store _____ lower their prices during the holiday season to attract more customers.
9. New technology _____ solve many problems, but it _____ create new challenges too.
10. People _____ want to invest time in learning new skills now to have a bright future.
11. The company _____ introduce a new product range next year to boost sales.
12. Marketing campaigns _____ reach a wider audience if they use social media effectively.
13. People _____ be interested in our new kitchen appliances if we don't advertise them properly.
14. We _____ see the results of our advertising efforts immediately, but they will show over time.
15. Some customers _____ visit the store more often if they hear about our discounts.
16. The CEO thinks the new strategy _____ increase brand awareness significantly.
17. Competitors _____ lower their prices, so we need to stay prepared.
18. Our new service _____ become a huge success; only time will tell.
19. Some customers _____ know about our latest products unless we promote them well.
20. If we offer discounts, we _____ attract more shoppers during the holiday season.

2. Choose the best option to complete each sentence.

1. In the next decade, people *a. will / b. may / c. won't* have robots in their homes for daily tasks.
2. Some new technologies *a. might not / b. will / c. won't* become popular because they are too expensive.
3. The company's new AI product *a. may / b. will / c. might* be available next month.
4. In years to come, we *a. won't / b. might / c. will* see flying cars in the city skies.
5. Dating apps *a. will / b. may not / c. might* help people build deeper connections in the long run.
6. Some people *a. might not / b. will / c. may* want to use technology that makes their lives easier.
7. The new marketing strategy *a. may / b. won't / c. might not* be successful until we test it.
8. The app's new feature *a. might / b. will / c. won't* make it easier to find a compatible match.
9. Technology *a. will / b. may not / c. won't* always solve every problem we have.
10. In the future, people *a. might / b. will / c. may* rely on apps for almost every task.

3. Answer the questions using will, may, might, may not, might not, or won't.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will dating apps replace traditional ways of meeting people?
_____. 2. Might new dating app features make it easier to find a perfect match?
_____. 3. Will everyone be happy with using virtual reality dates?
_____. 4. May people stop using dating apps in the future?
_____. 5. Will time tell if the new features will improve relationships?
_____. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Might dating apps become more secure down the road?
_____. 7. Won't advance technology on dating apps scare some users away?
_____. 8. May not everyone be ready for AI-driven matchmaking?
_____. 9. Will apps continue to offer more ways to connect?
_____. 10. Might it be possible for apps to predict successful relationships?
_____. |
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1. Put the following little presentation in the correct order to organize the ideas.

- a. **Secondly**, we need to find the best suppliers for our new products.
- b. **In conclusion**, if we follow this plan, I believe we will succeed.
- c. **However**, we should also consider the risks involved in expanding.
- d. **First of all**, we should research the market to see what customers want.
- e. **Therefore**, we will have to set a budget for this project.
- f. **In addition**, our marketing team should create an advertising campaign.
- g. **Specifically**, we should target young professionals in our marketing efforts.

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____

2. From exercise 1 above identify the phrases that match the following definitions.

- 1. _____ summarizes the entire discussion.
- 2. _____ adds the next step.
- 3. _____ introduces the first step in the plan.
- 4. _____ shows a result or a decision based on the previous ideas.
- 5. _____ introduces a contrasting point or a caution.
- 6. _____ introduces an extra idea or consideration.
- 7. _____ narrows down the focus of the previous point.

3. Fill in the blanks using the following words from the box.

first of all
and
so
therefore
in addition

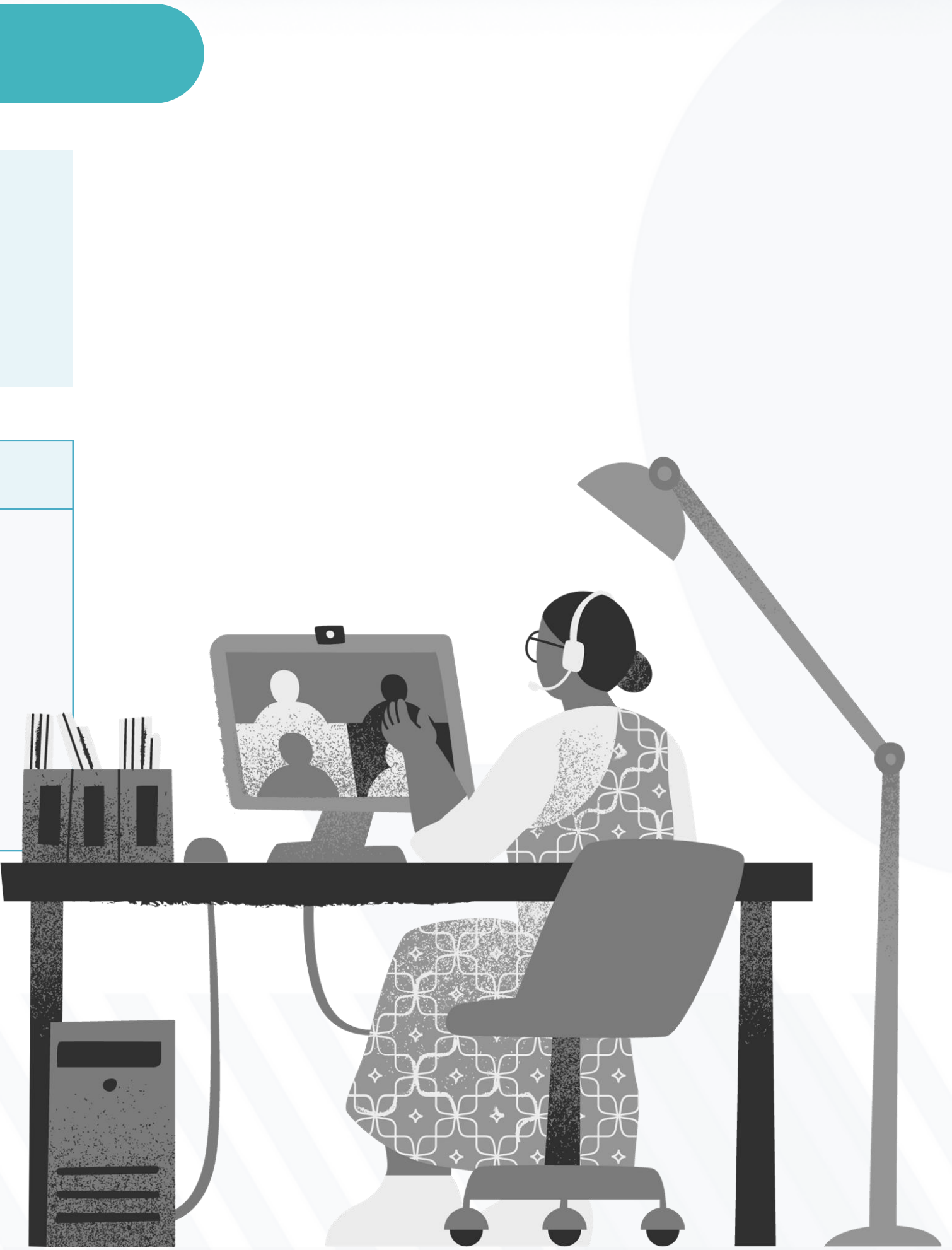
secondly
but
however
specifically
in conclusion

1. _____, we need to create a plan for the product launch.
2. _____, we should select a target audience for our marketing campaign.
3. The product is high-quality, _____ it is priced competitively.
4. We faced some challenges during production, _____ we managed to meet our deadlines.
5. Our competitors have a strong presence, _____ our unique features set us apart.
6. _____ choosing a budget-friendly supplier will help reduce costs.
7. The app has various features. _____, it allows users to track their expenses.
8. _____, the team will need to monitor customer feedback after the launch.
9. _____, we believe this product has the potential to succeed.
10. Our marketing strategy is well thought out, _____ it should help increase sales.

1. Put each of the phrases in the correct table.

- Do you think (...) will (...)?
 - is likely / unlikely to (...)
 - I hope (...) will / won't (...)
 - Is (...) likely to (...)?
 - will probably / definitely (...)
- Hopefully, (...)will / won't (...)
 - probably / definitely won't (...)
 - Do you expect (...)?
 - Are (...) likely to (...)?

Asking for predictions	Making predictions	Expressing hope



2. Choose the correct phrase from the box to complete each sentence. Below there is a brief explanation of each phrase that will help you complete this exercise.

will probably
are likely to
hopefully

is
do you think
won't

- **"Will probably"** suggests a high probability or likelihood of an event occurring.
- **"Is likely to" / "Are likely to"** express a strong expectation that something will happen.
- **"Do you think"** is used to ask for opinions or predictions.
- **"Hopefully"** is used to express hope about a future event.
- **"Won't"** Sure something will **not** happen (100%).

- _____ our sales team handle the increased customer inquiries after the product launch?
a. Do you think / b. Will probably / c. Hopefully
- The marketing strategy _____ attract a lot of attention from our target audience.
a. will probably / b. is likely to / c. won't
- Customers _____ be satisfied if we provide excellent customer support.
a. is likely to / b. are likely to / c. hopefully
- We _____ face challenges if we don't plan carefully.
a. probably won't / b. is likely to / c. will probably
- _____ the new app feature increases our customer engagement?
a. Hopefully / b. Do you think / c. Are likely to
- The new product _____ meet our sales targets by the end of the year.
a. is likely to / b. will probably / c. won't
- Our competitors _____ respond to our new pricing strategy soon.
a. will probably / b. hopefully / c. are likely to
- _____ we need to increase our advertising budget next quarter?
a. Is likely to / b. Do you think / c. Hopefully
- The production team _____ complete the order on time despite the tight schedule.
a. are likely to / b. hopefully / c. won't
- We _____ have to redesign the product if customers give negative feedback.
a. are likely to / b. won't / c. will probably

3. Match the sentence beginnings (1-5) with their appropriate endings (a-e).

Beginnings:

1. The new product line is likely...
2. Hopefully, the new marketing campaign...
3. Our competitors probably won't...
4. Do you think customers...
5. I hope our new app...

Endings:

- a. will increase brand awareness in our target market.
- b. face any major issues during the launch.
- c. to attract younger customers.
- d. will respond well to the new features?
- e. match our low pricing strategy.





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Homework – Answer Key

Exercise 1

1. **On the horizon** – Something that is likely to happen soon or in the near future.
2. **In the long run** – Considering the outcome or impact over a long period of time.
3. **Down the road** – At some point in the future.
4. **Sky's the limit** – There is no limit to what can be achieved.
5. **Plant a seed** – To start an idea or plan that will grow and develop over time.
6. **Stay updated** – To keep up with the latest information or news.
7. **Time will tell** – This means that only in the future will we know the result or outcome of something.
8. **A bright future** – A future that is full of hope, opportunities, and positive possibilities.

Exercise 2

1. **False** – The text states that technology will play a bigger role in our daily lives.
2. **True** – "Sky's the limit" means there is no limit to what can be achieved.
3. **True** – The text suggests that robots may be part of homes in the future.
4. **False** – The text emphasizes the importance of staying updated on technological advancements.
5. **False** – "Just around the corner" means something is going to happen very soon.
6. **True** – "Time will tell" is used to indicate that the outcome of future changes is uncertain.
7. **True** – The text mentions that learning new technology can lead to a bright future.
8. **False** – "In years to come" refers to something happening in the future.

Exercise 3

1. **In the not-so-distant future** – This phrase refers to something happening soon, making it the best fit.
2. **Limitless applications** – Refers to the numerous possible uses for AI in different fields.
3. **Stay updated** – Emphasizes the importance of keeping up with new technology.
4. **Down the road** – Indicates a point in the future when robots may become a common part of life.
5. **Plant a seed** – Means to start something now that will lead to future growth.
6. **Sky's the limit** – Indicates that there are no limits to what can be achieved with technological advancements.

Exercise 1

1. on the horizon
2. In the long run
3. In years to come
4. down the road
5. Time will tell

Exercise 2

1. In years to come, dating apps might become more personalized through features like virtual reality dates and AI matching systems that enhance user experience and connections.
2. The changes on the horizon include the integration of virtual reality dates and advanced AI matching systems in dating apps.
3. In the long run, dating apps may include features designed to help build deeper connections rather than focusing only on casual swiping.
4. "Time will tell" implies that it is uncertain whether these new innovations in dating apps will lead to better relationships or simply change the way people connect.
5. The evolution of dating apps down the road could depend on how users adapt to new technologies and what they value in the search for partners.

Exercise 3

1. on the horizon
2. in the long run
3. in years to come
4. time will tell
5. down the road

Exercise 4

1. Virtual reality dates and AI matching systems could make dating apps more interactive and tailored, potentially allowing people to get to know each other in a more immersive way before meeting in person.
2. This change is important because focusing on building deeper connections could lead to more meaningful and lasting relationships, rather than just casual interactions.

Exercise 1

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. may/might | 11. may/might |
| 2. will | 12. will |
| 3. might not/may not | 13. might not/may not |
| 4. will | 14. may not/might not |
| 5. might/may | 15. may/might |
| 6. will | 16. will |
| 7. may/might | 17. might/may |
| 8. may/might | 18. might/may |
| 9. will, may/might | 19. might not/may not |
| 10. will | 20. will |

Exercise 2

1. a. will/ won't
2. a. might not
3. a. may
4. c. will
5. b. may not
6. c. may
7. a. may
8. b. will
9. b. may not
10. a. might

Exercise 3

1. No, they **won't** replace traditional ways entirely.
2. Yes, they **might** make it easier.
3. No, not everyone **will** be happy.
4. They **may** stop using them if they don't work well.
5. Yes, time **will** tell if they improve relationships.
6. Yes, they **might** become more secure.
7. Yes, it **won't** be surprising if some users are scared away.
8. No, not everyone **may** be ready for it.
9. Yes, they **will** continue offering more ways.
10. Yes, they **might** predict successful relationships.

Exercise 1

1. d. First of all, we should research the market to see what customers want.
2. a. Secondly, we need to find the best suppliers for our new products.
3. c. However, we should also consider the risks involved in expanding.
4. f. In addition, our marketing team should create an advertising campaign.
5. g. Specifically, we should target young professionals in our marketing efforts.
6. e. Therefore, we will have to set a budget for this project.
7. b. In conclusion, if we follow this plan, I believe we will succeed.

Exercise 2

1. **In conclusion** → summarizes the entire discussion.
2. **Secondly** → adds the next step.
3. **First of all** → introduces the first step in the plan.
4. **Therefore** → shows a result or a decision based on the previous ideas.
5. **However** → introduces a contrasting point or a caution.
6. **In addition** → introduces an extra idea or consideration.
7. **Specifically** → narrows down the focus of the previous point.

Exercise 3

1. First of all
2. Secondly
3. and
4. but
5. however
6. Specifically
7. In addition
8. Therefore
9. In conclusion
10. so

Exercise 1

Asking for predictions	Making predictions	Expressing hope
Is (...) likely to (...)? Are (...) likely to (...)? Do you think (...) will (...)? Do you expect (...)?	will probably / definitely (...) probably / definitely won't (...) is likely / unlikely to (...)	I hope (...) will / won't (...) Hopefully, (...) will / won't (...)

Exercise 2

- 1. a. **Do you think** – This is used to ask for someone’s opinion or prediction.
- 2. b. **Is likely to** – This is used when something is expected to happen, but it's not 100% certain.
- 3. b. **Are likely to** - indicates that there is a good chance of customers being satisfied. It’s a prediction.
- 4. c. **Will probably** - expresses a high probability of something happening in the future.
- 5. b. **Do you think** -This is a question asking for someone’s prediction about the impact of the new app feature.
- 6. b. **Will probably** - a strong possibility that the new product will achieve the sales targets.
- 7. c. **Are likely to** - there is an expectation of action from the competitors.
- 8. b. **Do you think** - asking for someone's opinion or prediction about the necessity of increasing the advertising budget.
- 9. b. **Hopefully** - used to express hope or desire for something to happen.
- 10.c. **Will probably** - there is a big chance of redesigning the product, depending on the feedback received.

Exercise 3

- 1. c. → The new product line is likely **to attract younger customers.**
- 2. a. → Hopefully, the new marketing campaign **will increase brand awareness in our target market.**
- 3. e. → Our competitors probably won’t **match our low pricing strategy.**
- 4. d. → Do you think customers **will respond well to the new features?**
- 5. b. → I hope our new app won’t **face any major issues during the launch.**