

### 3.1 *Inventions from 3010*

**Aim:** Practice using vocabulary and expressions of caution and confidence

**Preparation:** Make one copy of Worksheet 3.1 for every two Ss.

**Comment:** Use after the discussion on page 20.

- Ss work in groups of four. Give each group two handouts.
- Tell Ss that a robot traveled back in time to deliver future inventions. As a group, Ss decide which six inventions they would like to keep. Elicit how to use the expressions and vocabulary given at the bottom of the handout.
- Model the task with one S for the first invention.

**T:** I'm all for temperature-controlled clothing because . . .

**S:** I'm a bit leery of temperature-controlled clothing because . . .
- In groups, Ss choose six inventions to keep. Groups should make a list of reasons that support their decisions.
- Have each group defend their decisions using the expressions and vocabulary.

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| <p><b>Temperature-controlled clothing</b></p> <p>No matter the temperature outside, these clothes are just right. Tiny sensors in the fabric switch an integrated heating and cooling system on or off as needed. You'll never be too hot or too cold again.</p>     | <p><b>Personal Shield</b></p> <p>Protect yourself from bacteria, viruses, and pollution with this pocket-sized device. Once activated, the Personal Shield wraps you in an invisible bubble of protection from all possible harm.</p>                   | <p><b>Holographic chats</b></p> <p>Stay in close touch with friends and family. When the person you call answers, a life-size, 3-D image of him or her appears right in front of you so that you can really interact.</p> |
| <p><b>Underwater breathing pills</b></p> <p>The next time you feel like scuba diving, take one of these pills, and you'll be able to breathe underwater for hours at a time. Just one of these pills also gives you crystal-clear underwater vision.</p>             | <p><b>Space Ball</b></p> <p>Have you ever tried playing soccer on the moon? When you play Space Ball, your team, the opposing team, the soccer ball, and the goal posts float around the field. It's a real workout and nearly impossible to score.</p> | <p><b>Never-ending chocolate</b></p> <p>Imagine a bar of chocolate that lasts forever. Every time you take a bite out of it, the chocolate grows back. It's also sugar free and tastes great.</p>                         |
| <p><b>Waterless Dishwasher Cupboard</b></p> <p>This innovative appliance cleans dishes with sonic vibrations and catches food particles in a disposable filter. Since it doubles as a cupboard, there's no need to put dishes away. Save time, space, and water.</p> | <p><b>A traveler's revolving door</b></p> <p>Are you tired of long, expensive flights? Now you can avoid them. Just step through this revolving door and instantly transport yourself to any major city in the world – for free!</p>                    | <p><b>Foreign language headset</b></p> <p>When you put this headset on, you will be able to speak and understand any language spoken on earth. It is lightweight and foldable. It also runs on solar energy.</p>          |

### Useful expressions

I'm a bit leery of . . .      You should think twice about . . .  
 I'm all for . . .              I have every confidence that . . .

### Useful vocabulary

audacious      confidential      frivolous      hazardous      problematic      prudent      unethical