

7.1 *Future trends*

Aim: Practice making predictions about the future

Preparation: Make one copy of Worksheet 7.1 for every S.

Comment: Use after the discussion on page 54.

- Ss work in pairs. Give each S a handout.
- Explain the task. Ss will predict the future of current trends.
- Have Ss interview each other and write their partner's predictions in the right-hand column of the chart.
- When Ss have finished, divide the class into small groups and have Ss share their partners' answers with the group.

Current trends	Future trend predictions (2050)
Consumers who are concerned about the environment and healthy lifestyles are buying more organic foods. The demand is due to fear of pesticides and other chemicals that can have a negative effect on health.	
A growing number of people prefer texting to talking on the phone or even in person.	
Many people are choosing to create their own fashion sense rather than follow the latest trends.	
More and more people are complaining about having to pay for extra services when they travel.	
More people prefer to stream music rather than download songs or albums.	
An increasing number of consumers are choosing to buy only locally made products.	
Many people are connecting on social networks by sharing photos they've taken on their smartphones.	
It has become increasingly popular to label products as "green" or "eco-friendly."	