

- Do you think new clothes will be invented in the future? When will they be invented? What will they look like?

- Would you like to travel back into the past and visit Ancient Rome?

- Read the opinions of two different people. Who do you agree with?

*– I'm sure time travel is possible. I can't say when the time machine will be invented, but it WILL be invented.*

*– Is the invention of the time machine possible? I don't think so. If it were possible, why haven't we been visited by time travellers from the future?*

## LESSON 8. Inventions of the future

**Communicative area:** listening for detail, reading for gist; discussing future inventions

**Active vocabulary:** posture, slouch, straight

**Receptive grammar:** the Future Simple Passive

### 1. Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions.



1. Do you spend a lot of time in front of your computer?

2. Do you get tired if you spend too much time at the computer?

3. Do you always sit straight or do you slouch?
4. What do your parents tell you to do when you start slouching?
5. What can help you stop slouching?

**2.  a) Listen to an expert talking about the problem. Stop to answer the questions.**

**b) Read about a future invention to help people who slouch.**

### **Anti-slouching monitor**

A monitor will be invented with an in-built camera, which follows your posture to check how you are sitting. Are you too close to the computer? Is your neck tired too much? If yes, you will have to straighten up. The monitor will also inform you that it's time to stand up and take a break.

**c) When do you think such a monitor will be invented? Do you think it will make your life better?**

**3. a) Look through the list of future inventions. Discuss them with your partner. Use the questions below to help you:**

*Is it a good idea? Can it be invented/made/built? When will it be invented? Will it make our life better?*

### **INVENTIONS OF THE FUTURE**

- 1) Interstellar (between stars) travel
- 2) Space lift

- 3) Terraforming (changing the atmosphere, temperature and ecology of a place to make it comfortable for humans to live in)
- 4) Medicine for all illnesses
- 5) Bionics (Body parts will be replaced with mechanical parts.)
- 6) Superfast Internet
- 7) Global Wi-Fi
- 8) Computer smarter than humans
- 9) Transatlantic tunnel ( a tunnel between North America and Europe)
- 10) Driverless car (car without a driver)
- 11) Flying car
- 12) Underwater cities
- 13) Robots doing housework
- 14) Robot soldiers
- 15) Robot pets
- 16) Food in a pill
- 17) Clothes that make you invisible (nobody will see you when you are wearing these clothes)
- 18) Teleportation
- 19) Ghost detector

**b) Together with your partner, add more ideas to the list of future inventions. Present your ideas to the class. Use the questions from ex. 3a to help you discuss the future inventions.**

- 4. Write a paragraph about a future invention. Use the questions in ex.3a to plan it.**