

Vocabulary

A Complete the text with the best word.

Business in the future

World business leaders of the future will be expected to adopt policies on issues that have recently become important internationally: human rights, labour and the environment.

As *regards*¹ human rights, the public will expect business leaders to support and respect the protection of international human rights within their² of influence, and to make sure that their own corporations are not³ in human rights⁴.

In the area of labour, they will have to show⁵ to the abolition of child labour and to the⁶ of discrimination in respect of employment. Freedom of association, the effective recognition of the right to⁷ bargaining, and the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour are other areas where⁸ will need to be made.

Finally, with respect to the environment, business leaders will need more than ever before to⁹ initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility and to encourage the development and¹⁰ of environmentally friendly technologies.

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| 1 a) regards | b) concerning | c) relates | d) connecting |
| 2 a) round | b) sphere | c) circle | d) radius |
| 3 a) complicit | b) illicit | c) explicit | d) implicit |
| 4 a) distortions | b) assaults | c) extortions | d) abuses |
| 5 a) determination | b) commitment | c) devotion | d) concern |
| 6 a) destruction | b) cancellation | c) elimination | d) obliteration |
| 7 a) collective | b) union | c) mutual | d) trade |
| 8 a) advances | b) steps | c) progress | d) move |
| 9 a) overtake | b) take on | c) take in | d) undertake |
| 10 a) popularity | b) spreading | c) utility | d) diffusion |

B Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the box.

ahead of its time behind the times old-fashioned ~~state-of-the-art~~
thing of the past up-to-the-minute way forward

- The Ministry of Education is determined to have all schools equipped with *state-of-the-art* computers by 2010.
- The for small companies in the electronics industry is for them to link up with a larger group to gain technological and market expertise.
- The new LCD panel developed by Sharp allows viewers to watch different programmes from the same screen and will soon make the battle over the living room TV a
- As a result of protracted international sanctions, the country's infrastructure is 20 years
- Beaming train arrival information to passengers' Personal Digital Assistants will be one way of enticing commuters out of their cars.
- Her political ideas may have seemed to some, but her management style was

Language review

Predictions

- A** Put the following predictions on a cline, from the least to the most certain to happen.
- 1 We *definitely won't* make a huge profit in the next half year.
 - 2 If the situation further deteriorates, there *might* be a market crash.
 - 3 Such amateur advertising *isn't likely to* have a positive effect on sales.
 - 4 Their recent acquisition *is bound to* lift share prices.
 - 5 I think the CEO *will probably* clash with the directors over business strategy.

100% sure won't happen  100% sure will happen

- B** Complete the second sentence in each pair so that it means about the same as the first sentence. Use **between four and six words**, including the word in **bold**.
- 1 China will most probably become the dominant world power.
certain
China the dominant world power.
 - 2 There's a good chance that people in the West will do most of their shopping online.
probably
People in the West most of their shopping online.
 - 3 Updating their computers will increase the efficiency of our admin staff.
bound
The efficiency of our admin staff we update their computers.
 - 4 I'm sure the number of people who work from home won't increase significantly.
definitely
There increase in the number of people who work from home.
- C** Complete the sentences with an appropriate form of the verbs from the box.

approach	be	establish	inform	receive	stop
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- 1 We'll start negotiating when they *approach* us with a reasonable proposal.
- 2 As soon as I the latest sales figures, I'll call a meeting.
- 3 Please start when you ready.
- 4 Before we the shareholders, we'll contact the CEO.
- 5 Once we ourselves more firmly in the region, we'll start looking for acquisitions.
- 6 We won't be able to meet the demand until the slowdown in production

Now complete this sentence.

In all of the six sentences above, the simple or the perfect is used to talk about the future.