WRITING THE FUTURE

B2 • A practical guide to writing a strong opinion essay

Your Writing Task

How will everyday life be different in the future?

Write a well-organised B2 essay about how everyday life may change in the next 20–50 years. Discuss several areas such as technology, work, transport, homes, shopping, health or communication. Use future forms naturally, add modals to show possibility, and use adverbs to make your writing precise and mature.

1. Build Your Ideas Before You Write

Area	Possible change	Your attitude
Technology	AI may become part of everyday decisions.	likely / positive / uncertain
Work	More people will work remotely or flexibly.	probably / possibly
Transport	Electric and autonomous vehicles may become common	perhaps / increasingly
Homes	Homes could become smarter and more energy-efficient	could / might
Health	Technology may help people detect illnesses earlier.	potentially / ultimately

2. The Shape of a Great B2 Answer

INTRODUCTION	Introduce the topic and give your overall prediction.
BODY 1	Develop one area. Explain the change + give a reason or example.
BODY 2	Develop another area. Add a different perspective or consequence.
BODY 3	Optional: discuss another important change or a possible problem.
CONCLUSION	Bring your main ideas together and finish with a clear final thought.

3. Future Language That Sounds Natural

To show possibility	may • might • could • be likely to • be unlikely to
To make predictions	will probably • will possibly • is expected to • is likely to
To show sequence	in the coming decades • over time • eventually • ultimately • in the long run
To make your writing precise	gradually • increasingly • potentially • considerably • perhaps • certainly

4. Use Future Continuous to Paint a Picture

Make the reader imagine an ordinary day in the future.
“In 2045, many people will be working from home, while smart systems will be managing many routine tasks.”

This is especially useful when you describe what everyday life will look like at a particular time in the future.

5. Adverb Check — Avoid Common Writing Errors

Natural	Avoid
People will probably work fewer hours.	People will work probably fewer hours.
Technology will gradually change our lives.	Technology will change gradually our lives.
Cars may eventually become fully autonomous.	Cars may become fully autonomous eventually. (possible, but less natural in formal writing)

Quick rule: Keep the main adverb close to the verb phrase it describes. Read the sentence aloud: if the adverb interrupts the idea awkwardly, move it.

6. Useful Linking & Supporting Language

- Adding: Moreover, In addition, Furthermore
- Giving a reason: This is because… / One reason is that…
- Giving an example: For example, For instance, A good example of this is…
- Showing contrast: However, On the other hand, Nevertheless
- Showing result: As a result, Consequently, This could mean that…
- Concluding: Overall, Ultimately, In the long run, To sum up

7. Model B2 Writing

How will everyday life be different in the future?

Introduction

Everyday life is likely to change considerably over the next few decades. Although it is impossible to predict the future with certainty, technology will probably influence the way we work, travel, communicate and even look after our health.

Body Paragraph 1 — Work & Technology

By 2045, many people will be working in much more flexible environments. Artificial intelligence may handle a growing number of routine tasks, while employees could focus more on creative and interpersonal work. As a result, the traditional nine-to-five working day might gradually become less common. People will also increasingly use intelligent devices to organise their schedules, manage their homes and complete everyday tasks.

Body Paragraph 2 — Transport & Cities

Transport will probably look very different as well. Electric vehicles are likely to become more widespread, and autonomous cars may eventually become a normal part of city life. In the coming decades, people could be spending less time driving and more time working, reading or relaxing while

travelling. Cities will perhaps also become greener, with more efficient public transport and fewer private cars.

Body Paragraph 3 — Health & Communication

Healthcare and communication are likely to develop considerably. Doctors may be able to detect some illnesses earlier because wearable technology will be continuously monitoring people's health. At the same time, communication will become increasingly immediate. People might be able to communicate through more advanced virtual environments, making distance feel less important.

Conclusion

Ultimately, everyday life will probably become more connected, automated and flexible. Some changes may make life easier, although they could also create new challenges. What seems certain is that people will need to adapt as technology continues to reshape the way we live.

8. Your Turn

Write 220–280 words.

Prompt: How will everyday life be different in the future?

Include:
• at least 3 areas of everyday life
• several future forms naturally
• at least 4 modal / probability expressions (may, might, could, likely to, etc.)
• at least 5 useful adverbs (probably, gradually, increasingly, eventually, ultimately, etc.)
• supporting reasons or examples
• a clear conclusion

Final Writing Checklist

☐ I introduced the topic clearly.
☐ Each paragraph has one main idea.
☐ I supported my predictions with reasons or examples.
☐ I used different future forms instead of repeating “will”.
☐ I used modals to show possibility and avoid overconfident predictions.
☐ My adverbs are in natural positions.
☐ I used linking expressions to connect my ideas.
☐ My conclusion summarises the main idea rather than introducing a new topic.