

Handout 4: Speaking

You heard Dr. Temple's predictions about robots. Work in pairs to discuss your predictions for robots.

Try to use all the expressions in the Useful Language box and explain your ideas.

Example: When will robots cook our food? / Will robots cook our food?

- I think robots will probably never cook our food at home, but they will possibly cook our food in a restaurant in ten years.
- I disagree with you. I think robots will certainly cook our food at home in ten years. No one likes cooking every night!

Useful Language

Making predictions: I think, I don't think, I believe, I predict, I hope

Future forms: will, won't

Adverbs: possibly, probably, certainly

Time phrases: next year, in 10 years, sometime (but I don't know when), never

Agreeing and disagreeing: I agree/disagree with you, That's what I think too, I don't think so

Student A: ask for your partner's predictions about robots in the future. Say if you agree or disagree.

	my predictions	my partner's predictions	agree or disagree?
teach children			
be our friends			
do operations			
fight wars			
<i>your own idea</i>			

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Student B: ask for your partner's predictions about robots in the future. Say if you agree or disagree.

	my predictions	my partner's predictions	agree or disagree?
explore space			
help the police			
care for old people			
do housework			
<i>your own idea</i>			

What predictions do you and your partner agree about? What do you disagree about?