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対象： 小学 3～6 年生

### Future Cities

Have you ever thought about cities in the future?

What do you imagine cities will be like in the future? Will we have smart buildings and flying cars? Or robots that will pick up our rubbish? Perhaps all the buildings and roads will be underground and we'll just have parks and cycle lanes above.

Maybe ... or maybe not, but what we do know is that in the future, cities are going to have more and more people living in them. More than half the world's people already live in cities, and by 2050, cities will become home to about 6.5 billion people. That's a lot of people and very little space! More people means that we're going to have more pollution, traffic and noise. It also means that we'll need more homes, schools, hospitals, jobs and transport. We'll need more resources, like water and energy, and more ways to grow food too.

Many cities are already planning for the future. In Singapore, for example, people are looking 'up' to grow food! To save space, they grow vegetables in lots of layers in special tall buildings. And in Amsterdam in the Netherlands, there are 'floating houses' built on water instead of on land!

What do you think city life will be like in the future? (217 words)

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