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The future of reading

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THE FUTURE OF READING
Electronic Books
by Rick Sutcliffe

A) Say who or what the underlined words in the text refer to.

1. their _____
2. they _____
3. you _____
4. it _____
5. them _____
6. them _____
7. their _____

B) Match the antonyms.

1. inexpensive a) minority
2. retail b) upload
3. many c) wholesale
4. download d) expensive
5. big-name e) few
6. majority f) nobody

C) Answer the questions about the text.

1. What's the difference between traditional books and e-books?

2. Where can we buy e-books?

3. What are the advantages of e-books comparatively to printed books?

4. Explain the meaning of the expression "put a toe in the e-book waters".

5. Is it possible to read some chapters of an e-book before you buy it? Quote from the text.

➤ Grammar

The future

Choose the correct option.

A.

- 1) tomorrow, so we can go out somewhere.
A. I'm not working B. I don't work C. I won't work
- 2) That bag looks heavy. you with it.
A. I'm helping B. I help C. I'll help
- 3) I think the weather be nice later.
A. will B. shall C. is going to
- 4) „Ann is in the hospital.“ „Yes, I know. her tomorrow.
A. I visit B. I'm going to visit C. I'll visit
- 5) We are late. The film by the time we get to the cinema.
A. will already start B. will be already started C. will already have started
- 6) Don't worrylate tonight.
A. if I am B. when I am C. when I'll be D. if I'll be

Complete with the correct future form.

B.

- 1) My brother (be) 45 in October.
- 2) „The phone is ringing and I'm in the shower!“
„Don't worry Mark, I (answer) for you.“
- 3) James Jones (probably / become) the next President.
- 4) Mum is unemployed but she (not / apply) for that job because it isn't well-paid.
- 5) I'm so excited! We (move) to a bigger house next month.
- 6) Next month, my parents (marry) for 25 years.
- 7) My parents (be) very proud, I have passed all the exams.
- 8) I think my sister (pass) the exam, she has studied very hard so far.
- 9) Dave (play) chess next Saturday with me.
- 10) This time next year I (take) the kids to the mountains.

➤ **Writing an essay**

Write your essay in 140- 190 words.

In your English class you have been talking about different ways in which you can protect the environment. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using **all** the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

***What can people do to help
protect the environment?***

Notes:

1. *Recycle*
2. *Using bicycles and walking*
3. *..... (your own idea)*

Write your **essay**.