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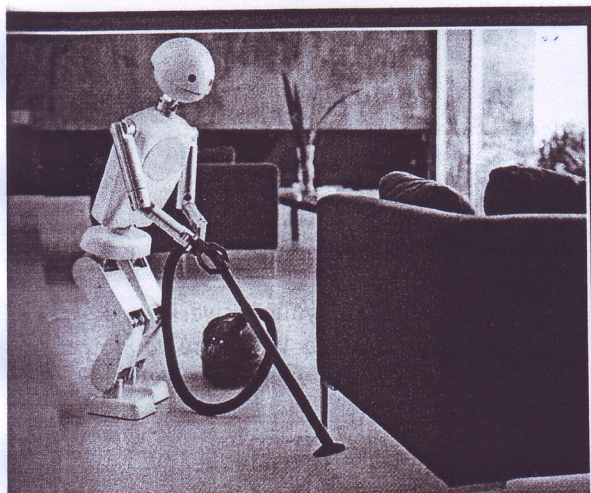
4 🔊 1.26 Listen to Tracy and Stig discussing the predictions in the article. Tick (✓) the predictions they think are likely and cross (✗) those they think are unlikely.

	Tracy	Stig
1 Homes will be smaller.		
2 People will stop using cars.		
3 People will keep fish to eat.		
4 Fridges will be intelligent.		
5 Robots will be more common.		

waste and create energy, which can then be used to run the family car – though we <u>might not</u> all have cars!

Water will definitely be more expensive and the home of the future will probably be designed to use much less. Washing machines and dishwashers might use sound waves to shake dirt off. We may even take showers using sound waves. What water we do use will be recycled and used again round the house and private swimming pools will become a thing of the past.

We will also certainly have more robots in our houses, though they won't look like the ones in films. There will probably be small robots designed to clean the fridge or open the curtains. Clever fridges will tell us when food is about to go out of date and even suggest recipes, and we will be able to communicate with our homes by

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5 Complete the Active grammar box using the <u>underlined</u> words and phrases from the article. Then answer the questions.

Active grammar

Certain

➕ *Our houses _____/**certainly** have to become much better insulated.*
*We **definitely** won't waste so much.*

Probable

➕ *Fuel _____ become much more expensive.*
Homes _____ be as big.

Possible

➕ *The climate _____/**might**/**could** change significantly.*
*We **may**/_____ all have cars.*

1 How does the position of the adverb (*probably, definitely, certainly*) change in positive and negative sentences?

2 Which modal verb can't be used in the negative to talk about possibility?

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6 Choose the correct words in *italics*.

1 Technology *probably will/will probably* become less expensive.
2 We *definitely will/will definitely* be able to do more and more online.
3 We *probably won't/won't probably* use so much water.
4 We *might not/couldn't* all have our own cars.

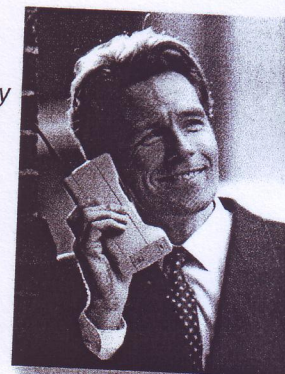**7** Look at the sentences about twenty-five years ago and change them to make predictions about the next twenty-five years.

Twenty-five years ago …

most people had cars.

In the next twenty-five years there will probably be fewer cars because of the price of fuel.

1 People wrote more letters.
2 Most people didn't have the Internet.
3 People watched videos rather than DVDs.
4 People didn't worry about wasting water.
5 Most people didn't have mobile phones.
6 People didn't buy organic food.

8 **a** Write seven predictions for people in your class. Don't write their names.

She'll probably move to the USA.

He might become a famous musician.

b Exchange your predictions with other students. Guess who the predictions are about.