

Unit 2 Supplementary

The Fun They Had

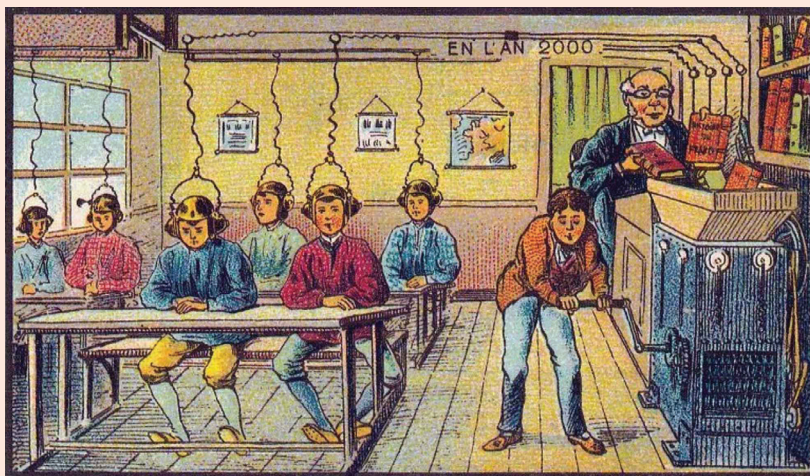
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Warm Up

Here is an imaginary high school class depicted in a French post card (1901-1910).

- After looking at the post card, what do you think have come true in the present century?
- Now, share your views about the changes that you and your classmates expect in your school and classroom in about 20-50 years.



Read the story to find out how a student like Margie studies in the year 2157.

Margie even wrote about it that night in her diary. On the page headed 17 May 2157, she wrote, "Today Tommy found a real book!"

It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper.

They turned the pages, which were yellow and **crinkly**, and it was **awfully** funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to on a screen, you know. And then when turned back to the page before,

it had the same words on it that it had when they read it the first time.

"Geel!" said Tommy, "What a waste. When you're through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away."

"Same with mine," said Margie. She was eleven and hadn't seen as many telebooks as Tommy had. He was thirteen.

She said, "Where did you find it?"

"In my house". He pointed without looking, because he was busy reading. "In the **attic**."