

What the future hold?



COMPUTERS



Read the words and definitions. Three of them are mixed. Find and match them properly

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| •access (something) | ●————● | have the ability or right to enter or use |
| •doubt | ●————● | a feeling of being unsure |
| •current | ●————● | take the place of something or somebody |
| •on-line | ●————● | belonging to the present time |
| •predict (something) | ●————● | see or describe the future |
| •provide (somebody with something) | ●————● | to supply |
| •remain | ●————● | continue to be unchanged |
| •replace (something) | ●————● | connected with the computer network |
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Fill in the gaps with the words to make the
lines rhyme.

access

doubt

current

on-line

predict

complete

remain

replace

provide



There isn't any **doubt**
That the book will soon die out
Some of them will still **remain**
That's the reason for my pain
New computers will **replace**
Those working "at a snail's pace"
Everybody will **access**
All the info we possess
I **predict** that news **on-line**
Will be **current** all the time
Please **complete** this silly rhyme
With the words you've learnt this
time!

Printed books or computers?



Dana

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• Tick the arguments each speaker used.



Computers allow us to access the latest information really quickly.



It's much easier to edit and print documents using a PC.



Interaction with the world is a great advantage of a computer.

Michael



Books are enjoyable things.



One of the good things about a book is that you can take it to bed.



Fiona



A printed page is better for human eyes than a computer screen.



Printed books are cheaper and easier to use.

Andrew



Printed books don't need electricity.



Books have always been a part of human culture, so they will be used as well as computers.

Emma



Large amount of information become available through computers.

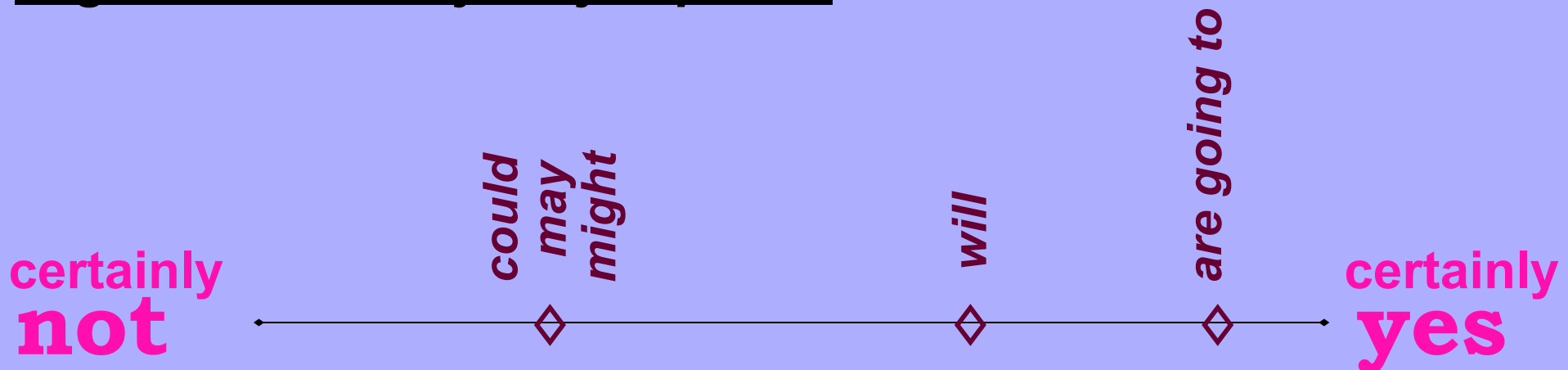


Computers are better at strong information.

Compare the sentences below. • Which verb form expresses the strongest degree of certainty ?

1. Computers **are going to** replace books in the future. (There is much evidence of that).
2. Computers **will** replace books in the future. (I'm quite sure)
3. Computers **may** replace books in the future. (It is quite possible)
4. Computers **might** replace books in the future. (It is possible)
5. Computers **could** replace books in the future. (It is possible)

On the scale try to place the verbs according to the degree of certainty they express.



There are some grammar errors. Suggest a correction if it's necessary.

A. I'm sure the paper book **might** be around for a long time. They look and feel great and they **would** always remain the same. Paperback books are lightweight (lighter than most laptop computers) and relatively low-cost. Computers **might** become cheaper, too, but they definitely **willy** be more expensive than books, books are easy to use and it's clear that people **will** always prefer paperback books.

The book was Invented 500 years ago by Aldo Manuzio in Venice, Italy. So much time has passed that there is no doubt that books **cwild** change a lot. Cheap, handy, pocket-size electronic books **will** soon appear and replace all paperback books. Though people **keep** some books they **will** be found only in museums.

B. And one more thing. People **won't** waste a lot of timber to produce e-books and this **will** save the forests.

Read the text (SB p.23) again. Read the summary . It contains four factual mistakes. Find and correct them.

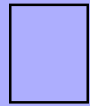
*The author raises the problem of the future of books. **She agrees** with Marshall McLuhan's opinion that computers will conquer the world. She says that printed **books have no future**. Irma has some sentimental memories about how **she read** "Don Quixote de la Mancha". But the electronic era has changed her relationship with books and now she thinks that **books on-line are entirely replacing printed books**.*

1- The author doesn't agree, that people in future will prefer computers to books.

2 – Irma's view is that printed books will not disappear.

3 - Irma didn't read "Don Quixote de la Mancha", her grandfather read it to her.

4 – Irma doesn't think that books on-line are replacing printed books.



**What will happen
to books and
computers
in 10 years'
time?**

