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Activity Sheet

What *will* they think of next?

Read the article, check the vocabulary list and then answer the questions.

Discussion

Beer

- Have you ever brewed your own beer?
- Have you ever visited a Brewery?
- Do you think making beer with capsules is cheating?
- What do you think of your local beer?

Technology

- Does technology make our lives better?
- What gadgets do you own?
- What technology has become redundant in your lifetime?
- What gadgets would you like to see in the home of the future?

Comprehension

Which types of beer will be available to make with the new LG Capsule system?

What does CES stand for?

LG were not the first to introduce capsule beer machines. Which other systems are available?

How long does the system take to make 10 pints of beer?

Who was drinking while he was talking to Bulldogz?

Which interviewees worked in the beer business?

Where can you buy the parts and ingredients required to make your own beer?

Vocabulary

Purist (n) A person who insists on complete adherence to traditional rules. Often in reference to language, style or craft.

Behemoth (n) A huge or monstrous creature

In keeping with (phrase) in harmony or conformity with something

Furnish (v) to be a source of or to provide something

Ersatz (adj) a product made with inferior substitute ingredients. Often used to refer to something that is not genuine.

Sup (v) to drink a liquid in sips

Long standing (adj) having existed or continued for a long time

Avid (ad) having an energetic enthusiasm for something

Opine (v) to state your opinion

Ferment (v) to undergo fermentation, the chemical process of the breakdown of a substance by bacteria.

Hostelry (n) An anarchic word for an inn, bar or pub



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Grammar tip – “will” and the present

Will is used to talk about the future:

- a) predictions
- b) giving certain information about the future
- c) announcing immediate decisions about future actions

Will can also be used in other ways, which we can look at on another occasion but something that many students do not realise, is that will can be used to predict or speculate about actions in the present!

Notice the different uses of “will” in the article.

Will to make predictions about the present

A move that **will** no doubt **have** the beer purists throwing their arms up in despair.

Already some purists **will be expressing** their inevitable anger

Will to talk about certainty in the future:

You **will need to** repeat the process and wait another two weeks

Will to talk about intention or decisions in the future:

LG have not announced when the machine **will be** available to buy, how much it **will cost** or whether the beer is any good.

Will to make predictions about the future:

You **will make** mistakes and you **will love** the results all the same, of your very own beer recipe.

Will to make predictions about the present:

You can always rely on your local hostelry who **will be** only too pleased to provide you with liquid refreshment to your taste.

Notice that the first two and last example seem to be set in a present tense context.

These examples are often seen in news or on television reports and it is a form of speculating or predicting current activity. It is a way of describing something we think is probable or likely to be happening at the time of speaking.

The second structure is a will + be + inf structure expressing the same idea.

A common expression with this use:

It will come as no surprise that + present cont.

This “will” use is effectively another modal deduction about the present, much like:
MUST, HAS TO, HAS GOT TO



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Practice makes perfect!

Try the following role play situations to practise using will to predict the present:

You and your friends are waiting for another friend to arrive at the pub and he is late. What is he doing?

You could use “He is probably waiting for the bus” or “He will be waiting for the bus”

This conversation could see you use will to express disapproval of regular behaviour
“He *will* always leave the house late! It's so frustrating”

A new technological development has seen a robot produced that can teach English. What would the English teachers think?

Real Madrid have just lost a Champions League match against Tottenham in London. The TV cameras show images of very upset Madridileños. How are they feeling?

Writing

Write a short article for your blog after you have seen the launch of a new driverless car at a Technology Fair. Consider the positive and negative impacts but also try to consider the reaction of concerned parties, like Taxi drivers for example. Speculate or make predictions about their reaction to such a development.

Writing tips

Remember basic writing structure when preparing writing exercises.

Introduction

Argument Points

Conclusion

A short introduction to be followed by short paragraphs that introduce a point of information or a position before a summary or conclusion. Always take care to cover all the points as set out in the question.