The future and plans ESL lesson plan (B1)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Where do you see yourself in five years?
- What will your city be like in twenty years?
- What is one thing you are definitely going to do before you are old?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
long-term	lasting or planned for a long time in the future	What are your long-term plans?
short-term	lasting a short time	It's only a short-term solution.
prospects	chances of future success	Her job prospects are excellent.
forecast	to say what you think will happen, often with data	Experts forecast strong growth.
artificial intelligence	computer systems that can think and learn like people (AI)	Artificial intelligence will change many jobs.
automation	using machines to do work people used to do	Automation could replace millions of jobs.
replace	to take the place of something	Robots won't replace teachers.
self-driving car	a car that drives itself without a person	Self-driving cars are already on the roads.
likely	probably going to happen	It's likely to rain later.
unlikely	probably not going to happen	It's unlikely that prices will fall.

Speaking (15 min): A letter to open in ten years

The learner says what they would write to themselves in ten years: two plans, two predictions about the world and one promise. You ask how sure they are of each one, from certain to unlikely.

Useful language

- I'm going to… / I'm planning to…
- I'm meeting… on Friday.
- by 2040 · in ten years' time · sooner or later
- I think… will… / I doubt… will…
- It's bound to… / It's unlikely to…
- I hope to… / I'd like to…

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about the future and plans using at least six words from the lesson.
- Self-study: the B1 the future and plans vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

The future and plans (B1)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

From now on · are bound to · in the long run · achieve · works out · By the time · Sooner or later · carry on

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. I'll _____ studying next year.
2. It will save money _____.
3. Prices _____ go up.
4. _____ I'm 40, I'll have my own business.
5. I hope everything _____.
6. _____, I'll go to bed earlier.
7. _____, we'll all work from home.
8. I want to _____ my goals.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. Do you make plans or wait and see?
2. What will you be doing this time next year?
3. What do you think will be easier in the future, and what will be harder?
4. Are you optimistic about the future? Why?
5. What skill will be most useful in ten years?

Write

Write 80–120 words about the future and plans. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 carry on · 2 in the long run · 3 are bound to · 4 By the time · 5 works out · 6 From now on · 7 Sooner or later · 8 achieve