

A to Z English

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1.	curiosity	
2.	athlete	
3.	Side effect	
4.	toga	

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Discussion Questions

1. Would you go to the future or the past?
2. Why?
3. What do you want to see there?
4. Would you miss your family if you could not come back to our current time period?

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00:00:00 Jack

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You're listening to the A-Z English podcast.

00:00:11 Kevin

Welcome to an A-Z English quick chat.

00:00:13 Kevin

We're going to surprise each other with a topic for the day and justice.

00:00:16 Kevin

See where the conversation goes.

00:00:18 Kevin

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00:00:27 Kevin

And Jack, I had kind of a strange idea for for today.

00:00:31 Kevin

Uhm, I know you and I both like sci-fi movies a lot, of course.

00:00:35 Jack

Right.

00:00:36 Kevin

And I was.

00:00:37 Kevin

I was just watching a a time traveling sci-fi movie not too long ago.

00:00:41 Kevin

There's there's a lot of them.

00:00:43 Kevin

Some do it very well.

00:00:45 Jack

Yeah, there, but most yeah.

00:00:48 Kevin

And I was curious if you.

00:00:50 Kevin

Had a time machine.

00:00:52 Kevin

Right, it just got invented.

00:00:53 Kevin

Da da.

00:00:54 Kevin

Here it is, Jack.

00:00:55 Kevin

Would you go to the future or the past and why?

00:00:59 Kevin

Where do you want to travel?

00:01:03 Jack

That's a great that's a great question.

00:01:04 Jack

I'm you know that's it's so hard to.

00:01:07 Kevin

I think let's let's put another, let's put another qualifier on this 'cause if you.

00:01:08 Jack

To choose you know.

00:01:13 Kevin

Could travel to the to.

00:01:14 Kevin

The future, the past, let's say.

00:01:15 Kevin

You can't come back.

00:01:16 Jack

Oh, OK.

00:01:18 Kevin

OK, because if you could travel and then come back, then, you know, it would be fun.

00:01:22 Kevin

Like I would go to the past or I'd go to the future and like, you know, learn some lottery numbers and come back.

00:01:26 Kevin

But that's that's, that's different.

00:01:28 Kevin

You know you're going to the future, you're going to the past, and you can't, you can't come back at all.

00:01:33 Kevin

I think there's it is really tough one and and.

00:01:38 Kevin

I think it depends on what you want to experience really.

00:01:44 Kevin

I mean, going back to the past we already know about.

00:01:46Kevin

The past.

00:01:47Jack

Yeah, yeah.

00:01:48Kevin

Right.

00:01:48Kevin

So going back would be really interesting and it would be kind of a way to.

00:01:53Kevin

To relive things.

00:01:54Kevin

It would be weird to go back, you know, to to the past.

00:01:57Kevin

But I could get you could see some really cool, you know, historical characters.

00:02:01Kevin

I can go back and and meet King Tuts or George Washington or Napoleon or someone like that, but going to the future is something that's totally unknown.

00:02:13Jack

Yeah, no, I I, you know, for me.

00:02:18Jack

If I go to the past.

00:02:19Jack

If you go too far back in the past, they don't.

00:02:21Jack

Have modern medicine.

00:02:23Jack

Right.

00:02:24Jack

So it's, it's, it's quite dangerous and we know that in the past there were some very.

00:02:30Jack

Yeah, there were some some very dangerous times in the past, especially life was just harder in the past.

00:02:36Jack

It's definitely.

00:02:36Jack

And easier as there's no Internet, no smartphones, all these things that I am totally addicted to, yeah.

00:02:38Kevin

And no Internet.

00:02:40 Kevin

How how could we know Internet?

00:02:48 Jack

So for me, I think just out of just out of pure curiosity, just because I can't, it just drives me crazy that I that I'm not going to be able.

00:02:57 Jack

To be alive.

00:02:58 Jack

In the 22nd century, most likely. You know, I don't think I'm going to live to be 130 years old, so.

00:03:02 Kevin

Right.

00:03:06 Kevin

You can do it.

00:03:07 Kevin

Jack, I I believe in you.

00:03:09 Jack

I can.

00:03:09 Jack

Well, yeah, yeah, maybe.

00:03:12 Jack

Maybe it's a a side effect of my cholesterol medication.

00:03:15 Jack

I don't know, but I will.

00:03:18 Jack

I will, you know, if if I could go to the future, I would go to the future.

00:03:23 Jack

I would love to.

00:03:24 Jack

To see what exactly?

00:03:27 Jack

Technology looks like in 100 years from now or 200 years from now, because there's so many amazing things happening right now. I was just looking at some YouTube videos of Boston Dynamics.

00:03:43 Jack

The their robots.

00:03:45 Jack

Yeah, at least the.

00:03:47 Jack

Robot that can now runs like a like an Olympic athlete and confuse backflips like a gymnast and.

00:03:52 Kevin

Almost, yeah.

00:03:56 Kevin

I I've seen that video.

00:03:57 Jack

Yeah, not now. These are super expensive right now in 2020, but in 20 years or 50 years are we going to be our is everywhere House going to be basically.

00:04:12 Jack

Staffed with robots that are picking up boxes that work 24 hours a day and never stop delivering packages.

00:04:15 Jack

Right.

00:04:20 Jack

And then what happens in the future to human beings when all these robots have taken over these kind of manual labor jobs?

00:04:30 Jack

So that's the.

00:04:30 Kevin

Yeah. And like we talked about in one of those previous episodes, you know, space travel, right? Like maybe maybe you'll be able to go to space for just a weekend trip and it won't cost very much money at all in the future. Now it's crazy expensive, but 102 hundred years in the future?

00:04:43 Jack

Right.

00:04:48 Kevin

Yeah, could be.

00:04:48 Kevin

I'm going to go to.

00:04:49 Kevin

The moon for.

00:04:49 Jack

Lunch, don't you?

00:04:51 Jack

Well, with the space elevator, you might be able to go to the moon the same way you go to, you know, it probably be expensive, but it would be like going to a resort in Hawaii, you know, except you're on.

00:05:01 Kevin

Yeah, yeah.

00:05:02 Kevin

Which is very doable.

00:05:04 Jack

Yeah, yeah, it might take you a while to get there, and it might be.

00:05:09 Jack

Really expensive, even in the future.

00:05:11 Jack

But it'll be possible and it'll be replicated over and over again.

00:05:14 Jack

Meaning people have done it so many times that it's not dangerous anymore.

00:05:18 Kevin

Yeah, totally safe.

00:05:19 Jack

It's just yeah.

00:05:21 Jack

So what about you?

00:05:22 Jack

What would you go?

00:05:23 Jack

I mean, I'm, I'm guessing you probably going to go into the future, right?

00:05:26 Kevin

I think, I think I would go to the future, but there's there's a big part of me that wants to go back to some parts in the past and I do love history.

00:05:35 Kevin

I mean, I love science and technology and things like that, of course, and we've talked about it, but I also.

00:05:41 Kevin

I'm quite interested in some periods of history I love, like ancient Rome for example.

00:05:46 Kevin

Like the stories that I read about it.

00:05:47 Kevin

Uh, really fast.

00:05:48 Kevin

Meeting and to go back to ancient Rome.

00:05:53 Kevin

And know what I know now would be like crazy and and so interesting to go back and meet some of those people and go there.

00:06:01Kevin

But you're right, it would be dangerous for different ways, you know, like there's no modern medicine, right?

00:06:08Kevin

But I think it would be fascinating.

00:06:10Kevin

But yeah, I think the future would be more adventurous just because.

00:06:13Kevin

We don't know anything about it and you're going to go.

00:06:15Kevin

There and.

00:06:17Kevin

Yeah, you wake up one day and you're 1000 years in the future. What would life be like? I can't even imagine.

00:06:23Jack

I can't even imagine either. Yeah it's it's almost the how quickly technology changes right now it seems like you know from it took a long time to go from like 1980 to 2000 and it seemed like the Internet was just it was so slowly grew. It was just really not even that.

00:06:43Jack

Grades by two over those 20 years, but from 2000.

00:06:47Jack

Till 2020, it seems like there's just so much change in that 20 year period smartphones.

00:06:54Kevin

Yeah, and technology is speeding up every day, so.

00:06:59Jack

Yeah, exactly, exactly so.

00:07:02Kevin

Yeah, I I think and I guess maybe you could even if you leave yourself like a nice bank account, then you could wake up in a couple 100 years and and not be poor in the future, so.

00:07:12Kevin

So like that's gonna work out.

00:07:12Jack

Yeah, if I'm hopefully if I put some money in the S&P 500 index or Dow Jones, it'll appreciate.

00:07:21 Jack

So by the time I hit 1000 years in the future, I'll be one of the richest men on the planet.

00:07:27 Jack

If they if money is still a thing, you know.

00:07:29 Kevin

Right.

00:07:30 Kevin

Who knows?

00:07:30 Kevin

They thought it would even be.

00:07:31 Kevin

That's the thing about going to the future.

00:07:33 Kevin

We have no idea what it's going to be, and so it's very.

00:07:36 Kevin

Writing, but also kind of scary to go into the future, going back to the past.

00:07:42 Kevin

It's it's a known right?

00:07:44 Kevin

Like it's scary, it's dangerous, but for for reasons we already know and understand.

00:07:48 Kevin

And so.

00:07:49 Jack

Yeah, yeah.

00:07:49 Kevin

You can prepare for it.

00:07:51 Jack

I mean, I think they some movies do better than others when it comes to like, predicting the future.

00:07:55 Jack

So I think like James Cameron, like Avatar and those kinds of movies are are amazing because just the the technology that they're using is not so different than what we have now, but it's just.

00:07:56 Kevin

Right. Yeah.

00:08:08 Jack

Uhm, scaled up to a much larger degree, which seems like a natural.

00:08:13 Jack

Aggression and then other movies from like the 80s that were, you know, predicting the, you know, 2000s, like right now or two thousand 20s are, you know, have they still have big televisions.

00:08:22 Kevin

Would be great to see.

00:08:25 Jack

You know, like they're big, big boxes.

00:08:27 Kevin

Right, right.

00:08:27 Jack

They just have more of them in the room.

00:08:29 Jack

Like there's four televisions next to each other, which is like that would have been.

00:08:34 Jack

Uh, an amazing concept in the 80s.

00:08:36 Jack

But now it's just silly.

00:08:38 Jack

So I.

00:08:39 Kevin

You'd Star Trek did a pretty good job of even looking into the future, and you know they have like flat screens and talking through the screens like we're doing right now.

00:08:39 Jack

You just we don't know.

00:08:47 Kevin

Even you.

00:08:48 Jack

That's true.

00:08:49 Kevin

Know 50 years ago.

00:08:52 Jack

So yeah, I I, I think Star Trek, those writers have always been kind of on the cusp of like, what the future might entail.

00:09:00 Jack

And they're always thinking kind of in a more realistic ways.

00:09:04 Jack

So with those movies, so.

00:09:06 Kevin

So just to wrap up here 'cause I think going back to.

00:09:08 Kevin

The past would be.

00:09:11 Kevin

Interesting, but almost a little easier to prepare for, right?

00:09:15 Kevin

I would read the history.

00:09:16 Kevin

I would read some science articles, understand about medicine.

00:09:19 Kevin

You know, I would teach myself some medicine things because I work.

00:09:22 Kevin

Going to have it.

00:09:23 Kevin

So that's what I would do if I was going to go back to the past.

00:09:24 Jack

And you can make yourself a mean toga.

00:09:27 Jack

Out of a bed sheet.

00:09:28 Kevin

And that learn how to make a toga.

00:09:30 Kevin

But if you're going to go to the future, what would you do to prepare to go to the future?

00:09:38 Kevin

How do you prepare to go to something completely unknown like that?

00:09:42 Kevin

Like, you could read all the science articles you want, but they're going to be totally outdated by the time you get there.

00:09:49 Jack

Yeah, that's exactly right there.

00:09:52 Jack

You'd have to just approach it with a a really open mind and just, you know, yeah.

00:09:56 Kevin

Yeah, I think.

00:09:58 Kevin

Just be ready.

00:09:59 Kevin

Just bring a notebook and be ready to take notes and be ready to learn.

00:10:03 Kevin

Because the first thing you do when you're going to get there is is you're going to have to learn what's happening and and what the world is like and everything there.

00:10:12 Kevin

It's going to be a whole new learning experience.

00:10:15 Kevin

Instead of learning before you go, you're going to learn after you get there.

00:10:18 Jack

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:10:21 Kevin

Well, Jack, I'll see you in 2300.

00:10:24 Jack

Yeah, I'll see you in a C in 100 years, 1000 years, 3032 hundred, yeah.

00:10:27 Kevin

Five up.

00:10:30 Kevin

Alright, so for everybody else out there listening, what do you, what about you?

00:10:33 Kevin

Would you go to the past and if so when?

00:10:36 Kevin

Or would you, would you join Jack and I and and jump into the unknown future and see what see where the world is going to be there?

00:10:44 Kevin

So thanks for listening.

00:10:45 Kevin

Remember to join in the WhatsApp group and you can tell us what you think and where and.

00:10:48 Kevin

When you would travel.

00:10:50 Kevin

And ask any questions or joining the discussion.

00:10:53 Kevin

So we'll see you all next.

00:10:54 Kevin

Week. Have a great day.

00:10:56 Jack

Bye, bye.

