Worksheet 1. **Reading: How Children See the Future**

Read these actual observations from children in school in New York City. Then answer the questions.

**How Children See the Future**

1. **Sarah age 10:** "Yes, I think there will be discoveries of life on other planets."

2. **Lisa, age 11:** "Maybe life on other planets will be discovered. I would like to travel on a spaceship to outer space and take my three cats with me."

3. **Ricky, age 9:** "I think that if we all ride on bikes, we can limit all the pollution in the world. And maybe build a monorail to go around the whole city."

4. **Carlos, age 11:** "If New York City keeps going the way it is, things will be worse. The city will be more crowded, with more traffic, worse air, more litter, less open and green spaces. We need to take care of the environment and recycle things so we have less garbage."

5. **Sabrina, age 12:** "In the year 2020, my city, New York, will be the ideal living place. People will heat their homes in a different way, not from coal or oil. They will use large solar panels to collect the sun's rays for their heating needs. Many people will go to space camps to prepare for space living. In short, the future will transform the way people live."
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Choose the correct completion.

1. Sara thinks that _____.
   a. she will travel to another planet
   b. we will find life on another planet

2. Lisa _____.
   a. is sure that there is life on other planets
   b. thinks that there may be life on other planets

3. Lisa wants _____.
   a. to travel in space
   b. to take her dogs with her

4. Ricky thinks that _____.
   a. if we ride on bikes, we can limit pollution
   b. that people will ride bikes in space

5. Carlos thinks that _____.
   a. New York City is getting worse
   b. New York City is getting better

6. Carlos says that _____.
   a. we may get more garbage.
   b. we may get less garbage.

7. Sabrina thinks that _____.
   a. New York City will be a perfect place
   b. New York City will be worse

8. Sabrina believes that _____.
   a. we will heat houses with coal and oil
   b. we will heat houses with energy from the sun

9. Sabrina says that people will go to special camps _____.
   a. to use less electricity
   b. to learn how to live in space

10. Sabrina thinks that _____.
    a. people in the future will be the same
    b. the future will change how people live.