

## How Things Have Changed

Hi, my name is Japhielecker and I'm a European citizen, living in Ireland in the year 2459. This is an essay for school set by my computer robot teacher. Everybody is now home educated, and we all have our own robotic enlightenment assistants to help us.

Well, things have altered a lot over the last few centuries. Probably the biggest change is the climate. Storms, typhoons, tsunamis and hurricanes are all a thing of the past as we no longer use fossil fuels and almost everything is environmentally friendly, sustainable and self-replacing, so we have a much more moderate climate now. The Antarctica stopped melting and the ozone layer repaired itself because of these changes.

Everybody now wears light clothes made from micro-fibres sewn so closely together that they keep us warm during winter and cool in summer. On our feet we wear little pieces of plastic called plazmoes and they come in a wide range of colours. Plazmoes are terrific because they reduce the sweat of our whole body, they make us run faster and they are safe as well because they have a little gadget on them that prevents us from falling! Plazmoes replaced shoes (an old type of footwear worn over 200 years ago) around 2200.

Plazmoes are named after the latest method of travelling – plazamobiles. This innovation is based on an old children's toy called a scooter. It has a long sleek body, and is occupied by a single seat and sheltered by a plastic roof which keeps the heat in and the cold out. The driver's seat is directly behind the handlebars, and it has a detector which detects other plazamobiles coming and uses compressed air to repulse the oncoming plazamobiles if they get too close. This gadget is called a safety repulsor. The plazamobile is hydrogen powered which drives the small jet engine that thrusts it up in the air and propels it forward.

In front of the handlebars is a speed limiter which doesn't allow you to exceed 150 k/ph. There is also a breathalyser inserted into the handlebars to stop people from drinking and driving. It will not allow the plazamobile to start if the slightest amount of alcohol is sensed.

We also have solar-powered lights and solar-powered heating in our homes.

In medicine, operations and the use of antibiotics have been greatly reduced. Instead if your miniature sensor (Personal Unit) on your hand alerts you, and tells you that it has diagnosed a disease or illness in your body, you go straight to the hospital (the sensor also alerts it), and you receive an injection which contains a sample of your own DNA which has been modified and altered a little to stop the illness immediately. Organs and limbs are also grown in labs in India and China where seven and a half billion people now live.

This has an effect in everybody's life-span. Years ago people lived to a 'grand old age' if they made it to eighty, but now everybody lives until they are 150 at the very least!

There is much less crime now as our Personal Unit transmits signals all the time to the 'Master Robot' in the sky. It identifies us and can replay what we are doing at all times.

There is a much wider variety of drinks. There are herbal drinks, and there are even juices made from fruits from other planets! You see, just over 100 years ago civilians living on the planet Donk came here to earth. They brought fruit, animals, crops and many other things too. They are a peace-loving race and they now visit quite frequently – once every 37.5 years! It is hard to believe that our ancestors once ate animals, as we can get all our food for a week in a tablet if we wish.

All televisions, computers, and robots are now personally voice controlled when they are set up. They are in 4-D and emit smells to correspond with the films that are on. It is as if you are in the film.

Travelling has improved greatly over the past centuries. Last year my brothers Lamaster and Honackapu, Mum, Dad and I all went to the moon. The flight in the rocket was sooooo long. We were all exhausted afterwards. Imagine, it took one and a half hours!!! Mum was a little apprehensive because she hadn't met aliens before. We stayed in the Luna Sputnik Hotel. We had a great time as we brought our plazamobiles and we explored all around the space port. Lamaster and I played golf but it was very difficult because of all the craters!!! We only saw one alien, he was from the planet Zong, and he was not remotely like what I had expected. He was whizzing around in his space-ship so I only caught a glimpse of him but he was green with red splotches and lots of warts. He had orange eyes and two yellow antennae on top of his

head. When I told mum she was desperate to go home, so we left the next day and missed an entire week of our holiday!

New games have been invented including Madfilsten which is a game similar to Gaelic football, played centuries ago, and Fanfister, a game which uses a ball and a racquet but it is only played here in Ireland.

All the countries in Europe are now in the European Confederation, and every other continent has its own version of the E.C. Countries that were once called 'Developing Countries' now have a much better standard of living as all the money the rich countries spent on weapons, (which now are unnecessary as all the Confederations have a missile shield which would destroy any enemy missiles), have gone to improving their way of life. Also large pipelines pump water to the dry countries from the large freshwater lakes all over the world.

I better go as Mum is calling me for my weekly food tablet.