**Actuele lesbrief Engels – What’s the Buzz?**

**Voor de docent**

Een artikel over gebeurtenissen die in het komende jaar naar verwachting veel in het nieuws zullen zijn.

**ERK-niveau**

*Lezen B2 – Lezen om informatie op te doen: LEB2-3b Kan literaire en non-fictie teksten lezen met een redelijke mate van begrip voor het geheel en voor details. (LEB2-3b)*

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

**Intro**

Nobody can predict what will happen in 2023. But we can guess which topics could be big in 2023.

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Brainstorm with a classmate to make a list of 5 or more words related to the future.

**What’s the Buzz?**

CBC Kids News took a look at [some stories that you will hear more of in 2023](https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/5-stories-likely-to-make-a-buzz-in-2023).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Find (and mark) the following words in the text:

*to make a buzz – (to) predict – AI – all the rage – ethical considerations – civilian – (to) hunker down – a hallmark – to budge – a decline – the box office – reign – fate – slated for – anticipation*

Read the following definitions. Match the above words and expressions with their correct definitions.

1. artificial intelligence
2. careful thoughts about moral aspects and implications
3. to change or to move a bit
4. a dip, a drop, a decrease
5. to draw attention
6. feeling of excitement about something that is going to happen
7. the future that someone or something will have
8. people that are not military
9. the period of time during which a king, queen, etc., is ruler of a country
10. the place where the tickets are sold at a theatre, cinema or concert hall
11. planned to happen at a particular time
12. a quality or aspect that is really typical of a person of a group of people
13. to say that (something) will or might happen in the future
14. to stay in a place for some time
15. suddenly very popular

Assignment 3

a What are concerns regarding AI apps?

1 Chatbots could rewrite history.

2 People could lose their jobs.

3 Selfies could go out of fashion.

4 Works of art could become worthless.

b What is inflation?

1 A general increase in prices over a period of time.

2 A light at the end of the tunnel when prices begin to fall.

3 A period of time when people stop buying and selling things.

4 A time when the unemployment rate in a country rises.

c Which story possibly will dominate the news in the United Kingdom this year?

1 The 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth.

2 The collected speeches of King Charles.

3 The coronation of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

4 The future of the monarchy under King Charles.