

A note from your future office in 2032

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1. Ryan Anderson is director of future technology at office furniture specialists Herman Miller. His work focuses on developing offices in "an era of mobile, connected work". Here, he imagines what working life could be like in 20 years, in the office of 2032.
2. For decades, the notion of going "to work" meant a person being assigned a little space inside of a large building in some pre-determined location.
3. But in 2032 the "workplace", or more specifically the local array of immersive spaces we now consider optimised for work, is as valuable as ever - even though many thought it might become a relic of the past.
4. People used to be willing to pick up and move their entire lives to be nearer to that building and have access to a small physical address within it, in which they were assumed to do all of their work.
5. But after mobile technologies gave rise to "work anywhere" norms and strategies, which often created great disruptions in employee work-life balance, employees and employers began to mutually embrace the notion that there should be easily-accessible spaces where work is optimised - to both enable work and to promote the enjoyment of it.
6. Thus, a new generation of workplace was created, allowing workers to immerse themselves in local spaces offering a wide array of highly cocooned or interactive settings to support their needs.
7. These spaces, which vary in location and theme not unlike neighbourhood restaurants, have allowed corporations to shed much of their captive real estate portfolios in favour of workspace subscriptions, and have provided workers the freedom to choose when, where and how to work.

Summarize each paragraph with your own words.

Foglald össze mindegyik bekezdés tartalmát a saját szavaiddal! Ez azért fontos, mert a nyelvvizsgán az ilyen típusú feladatnál nagyon bele lehet zavarodni a felsorolt összefoglalásokba. Ha te már magadban tudod a lényegét, akkor nem fogsz a buktatókba beleszaladni.

After you have done that decide which describes best the paragraphs.

Ezek után nézd meg melyik a helyes összefoglalása az adott bekezdésnek.

1. a) Mr. Anderson deals with mobile offices. b) Mr. Anderson leads work connected to furnishing.
2. a) People used to work in fix places. b) People could choose a place to work.
3. a) In the future people will work in ancient places. b) The workplace will be important in the future too.
4. a) People used to have access to a work building. b) People were used to work in a small place within a big building.
5. a) People should enjoy both their work and workplaces. b) People should promote their workplaces.
6. a) A new generation has grown up to enjoy work. b) A new style of office was made.
7. a) The new style of workplace is the same everywhere. b) There are different variations of the new workspaces.

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