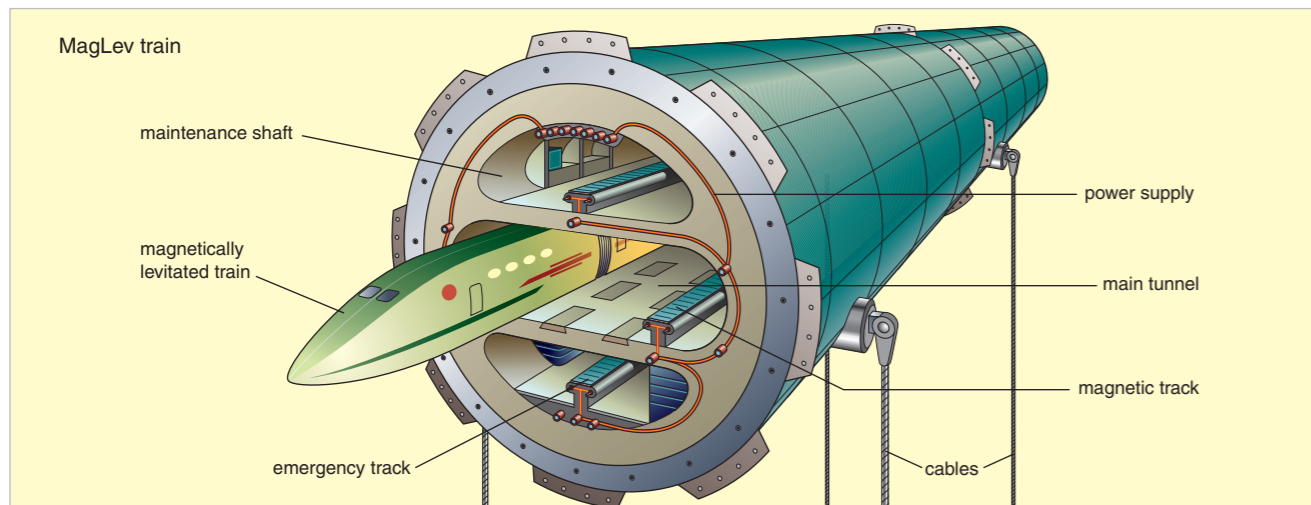


3 Future projects



- Start here**
- 1 Work in pairs. Look at the picture. What is it? How does the vehicle move?
 - 2 42 Listen to this radio interview and complete the specification chart.

Trans-Atlantic MagLev Tube	
Location of tube	Under the Atlantic Ocean from Britain to the USA
Possible date of completion	2100
Length	km
Depth below sea level	m
Number of cables	
Speed of train	km/h
Source of power for train	

Language Use *will* and *won't* to predict a future fact or event.

They/We	will	build it in 2050.
My company	'll	
The engineers	will not won't	

When	will	they/you	build it?	In 2050.
	Will		build it in 2050?	Yes, they will. / No, they won't.

- 3 Disagree with each statement.
 - 1 The engineers will start the tube in 2020. (2080)
 - 2 The tube will be under the Pacific Ocean. (Atlantic)
 - 3 The tube will connect Britain with Europe. (the USA)
 - 4 The train will use diesel. (magnetism)
 - 5 The tube will contain compressed air. (a vacuum)
 - 6 The trains will travel at 11,000 km/h. (8000 km/h)

Example: 1 They won't start the tube in 2020. They'll start it in 2080.

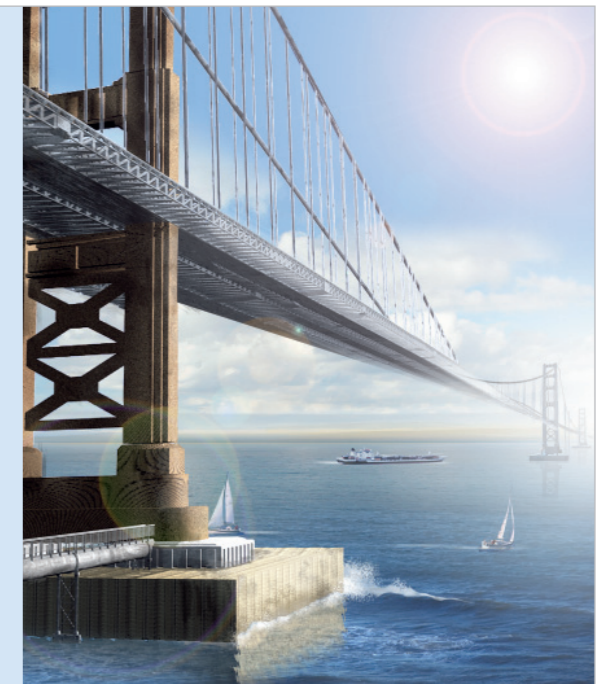
Reading 4 Read this interview and produce a specifications chart for the bridge (see 2 on page 56). Use the words in the box.

completion date deck height length materials pier pylon span

Bridge of the Future: Europe-Africa Bridge

RadioTech presenter Tom Burns interviews engineer Galal Hamdy.

Tom: What project are you working on now?
Galal: We're designing the world's longest bridge.
Tom: Where will it be?
Galal: Between Morocco and Spain. It'll connect Europe with Africa.
Tom: What are the specifications of the bridge?
Galal: It will be almost 15 km long. In our design, the bridge will have two spans. Each span will be 4800 m long.
Tom: That's a very long span. How will that be possible?
Galal: The bridge will have three steel pylons, on concrete piers. The pylons will be 1000 m high. The deck will be very light and strong. It'll be made of fibreglass.
Tom: Many engineers think you won't be able to build this bridge.
Galal: I don't agree. I think we'll complete it around 2030.



Speaking 5 Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions about the specifications of the bridge.

A: How long will the bridge be? B: It will be almost 15 km long.

6 Here is a possible project schedule for the Europe-Africa Bridge. Roleplay an interview between a TV presenter and an engineer.

Task	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
1 lay foundations	■	■	■						
2 build piers			■	■	■				
3 put pylons on piers					■				
4 attach cables to pylons						■			
5 make deck			■	■	■	■	■		
6 fix deck to cables							■	■	■
7 build roads								■	■
8 open bridge									■

*TV Presenter: When will you build the piers?
Engineer: We'll start in 2026 and finish in 2027.*

Social English 7 How do you think the world will change in the next 20 years. Think about technology, social, political and legal changes.

Example: Computers will control more things in our homes.