



Can you see your future?

20 YEARS

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Ruxy and José continue their conversation at the URL below:

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José Cruz: Uh, (**I mean**) although you would think I would be- there would be more atheists in this country, but (Right) I think even though it's it's a fairly non-religious country, um even more so- even say America or Canada (Yeah) they don't like talking about (Really) um you know **those those** taboo subjects: sex, politics, and religion.

Ruxandra Duță: Yeah that is true actually, now that I come to think of it with my Japanese friends, I don't really touch those subjects; maybe sex, but like only after a couple of drinks (Ha) ha ha.

José: And only among girls, right?

Ruxy: Oh and only among girls. (Yeah. That's right) Like talking about it with boys (No) is like completely (Oh, well) going-

José: That is a completely separate topic (Oh yeah) about the the mentality of- the mentality toward sex, (Oh yeah) um **to young people** recently. But just to- to talk with you because um- As a young person when you look at: Well I'll put it to you in a question that I was thinking about on the train on the way here, where do you see yourself, just you personally, in 20 years?

Ruxy: In 20 years? Where do I see myself? Oh that's a very difficult question. Every time I'm being asked that I really have to stop and think.

José: Most people ask it about five year time frames.

Ruxy: Yeah it's usually five years.

José: I'm going to ask it in 20 years.

Ruxy: In 20 years. In 20 years I will be 42. I expect to- So I have big expectations of myself. I expect to uh, have a nice house, travel around the world, have a decent job that I'm satisfied with and I don't want to kill myself every- (Ha) when I wake up in the morning thinking, oh I have to go to the office.

José: So you- basically happy with your situation.

Ruxy: I want to be happy. And especially I want to be happy with my workplace. That is one thing- because we spend so much time in the workplace. I really want to do something that makes me happy. So I- in 20 years I would like to see myself doing something that I really like.

José: Do you think that will happen? (Uh) That's **what you** want, but (Usually) do you think that will happen?

Ruxy: I've been pretty lucky in life so far. So uh so I wanted to go to university in the UK. I got into university in the UK. I wanted to study uh Japanese I went- I came to (You're here) Japan to study. I- I'm here. So so far things have been working out well for me.

José: Good and you're you're (So) a- you're a driven woman so I expect that you're **going to** get pretty close to it.

Word count	Time	Words/Min.
463	2:08	217.03

Pointers:

I mean: said very quickly. **I mean** is now a common discourse marker, similar in function to saying "well" as the beginning a phrase (0:00)

those those: an example of repeating as opposed to using filler words (0:14)

to young people: José should have said "**for** young people" (0:37)

what you: pronounced, "**WACHU**" (1:47)

going to: pronounced, "**GUHNA**" (2:07)

Discussion:

Are topics like religion and politics difficult for youth talk about?

How do you see yourself in five years? In 20 years?

Would you call yourself a "driven" person?

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