

# The Time Machine

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## Chapters 1–3

### While reading

**1 Write sentences using the following words.**

- bush .....
- editor .....
- object .....
- experiment .....
- psychologist .....
- dimension .....

**2 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?**

- a The Time Traveller agrees with the type of mathematics taught in schools.
- b The Time Traveller believes that to exist, an object must have length, width and thickness.
- c The Time Traveller believes in a fifth dimension.
- d Filby thinks the Time Traveller's ideas don't make sense.

**3 Who says the following?**

- a 'But if you make that model out of a material, it exists. All real things exist.'  
.....
- b 'Clearly, a real body must have length, width, thickness (the dimensions of space), and also exist in time.'  
.....
- c 'But, if time is really only a fourth dimension of space, why can't we move about in it as we move in other dimensions?'  
.....
- d 'It would be very useful for the historian. He could travel back and see how things really happened.'  
.....
- e 'Then there's the future. Just think! You could put all your money in the bank, leave it to grow and hurry on ahead.'  
.....

**4 Choose the correct word from the box.**

empty   lever   flame   Psychologist   ghost  
trick   endless

So the **a** ..... himself sent the model time machine on its **b** ..... journey. We all saw the **c** ..... turn. I am completely certain there was no **d** ..... There was a breath of wind

and the lamp **e** ..... jumped. The machine suddenly turned round, looked unclear, was seen like a **f** ..... for a second and was gone – disappeared! Except for the lamp, the table was **g** .....

## Chapters 4–6

**5 Number these events in the correct order. Write the numbers 1–6.**

- a The Time Traveller finds that the time machine is missing.
- b The Time Traveller is taken to a large building.
- c The Time Traveller meets a strange creature.
- d The Time Traveller feels faint and cold.
- e The Time Traveller takes the levers off the time machine.
- f The Time Traveller eats some fruit.

**6 How are the people of the future described by the Time Traveller? Write down what the Time Traveller thinks about them in your own words.**

**7 Match the words (a–f) with the correct description (1–6).**

- a comfort ...
  - b limp ...
  - c panel ...
  - d creature ...
  - e candle ...
  - f rise ...
- 1 a stick that produces light when it burns
  - 2 to increase, go up or stand up
  - 3 an animal, fish or insect
  - 4 a feeling of being physically relaxed and satisfied
  - 5 a flat piece of metal or wood that is part of a door or wall
  - 6 a way of walking with difficulty because one leg is hurt

**8 Think about the way of life of the Eloi and the Morlocks. Think about what they eat and what they do with their time. Which would you prefer to be? Write about your choice.**

## Chapters 7–9

**9 Imagine you have to live underground like the Morlocks. What things would you need? How would you make your food? What would you**

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use for light? With another student, make a list of the things you might need to live this sort of life.

## 10 Match the first part of the sentences (a–f) with the last part (1–6).

- a The next night ...  
 b Once or twice I had a feeling ...  
 c I realised that the moon was in its last quarter and the nights were growing darker, ...  
 d But I wasn't brave enough to solve the mysteries, ...  
 e I saw, far away, ...  
 f But the next morning, I realised that my interest in the Green Palace ...
- 1 and I never felt quite safe.  
 2 an enormous building.  
 3 of great fear for which I could see no definite reason.  
 4 was just helping me to delay an experience I was afraid of.  
 5 I did not sleep well.  
 6 and there might be more appearances of those unpleasant creatures from below.

## 11 Underline the right word in *italics*.

- a The Morlocks were probably the *servants* / *leaders* in this society.  
 b The Eloi were the *workers* / *managers*.  
 c The Morlocks found daylight *possible* / *impossible*.  
 d Clearly the *beginning* / *end* of the Eloi's power was coming closer.  
 e The Morlocks are the *friends* / *enemies* of the Eloi.  
 f Weena is *afraid of* / *friendly towards* the Morlocks.  
 g The Time Traveller decides to make himself some *weapons* / *panels* to protect himself from the Morlocks.  
 h The inside of the Green Palace was like a *church* / *museum*.

12 Imagine you are a time traveller. You have gone fifty years into the future but now your machine is broken and you can't go back. Also, you feel that you may not live much longer. Write a letter to your friends. Describe the changes in the world of the future and how you feel about them.

## Chapters 10–12

13 The Time Traveller visits a ruined museum. What is the most interesting museum or place you have ever visited? Write about it, saying why you found it interesting. Find pictures on the Internet or in books to add to the paragraph.

## 14 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a There were strange glass balls hanging down in the museum.   
 b There were very large machines that worked well in the Green Palace.   
 c The Time Traveller finds a metal bar to use as a weapon.   
 d The Time Traveller dances in the Green Palace.   
 e Weena finds a gun and bullets in the old museum.

15 The Time Traveller tries very hard to get the time machine back. What is the most important thing that you own? Would you fight to keep it? Think about your favourite thing and write down adjectives to describe it. Then, work with another student and tell him or her your adjectives. The other student has to try and guess what your favourite thing is.

16 Think about a time in your life when you made the wrong decision or a mistake, or did something you were sorry about later. Write a letter to a friend who was there. Explain what you would do differently if you had a second chance.

## Chapters 13–15

17 Do you think it is, or ever will be possible to travel in time? Look at the pictures of the time machine in the book and design your own. Think about the modern technology we use today and the scientific advances that have been made since Wells wrote his book. Include all these things in your design. Do your design by hand or on a computer.

18 Imagine you are Weena and you have visited the present time with The Time Traveller. Write a letter to your family, telling them about the differences between this society and your society.

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## Chapters 1–3

1 Underline the correct word.

- a Most people usually forget the dimension of *length / time*.
- b The Psychologist thinks that a Time Machine would be useful for *historians / mathematicians*.
- c *Four / Five* people watch the Time Traveller's experiment.
- d The guests are *doubtful / excited* about the Time Traveller's experiment.
- e The Time Traveller is wearing no *trousers / shoes* when he appears one week later.
- f The Time Traveller knows that his machine is working when he looks at his *clock / cook*.
- g The Time Traveller's greatest fear is that his machine might *stop working / crash into* something.

2 Which of these words does not describe the Time Traveller during his journey?

- afraid angry cheerful confused excited nervous worried

## Chapters 4–6

3 Does the Time Traveller see these things in the new land? Write yes (Y) or no (N).

- a familiar flowers
- b an enormous building in bad condition
- c dogs and horses
- d The River Thames
- e small houses
- f insects
- g birds
- h shops and factories

4 Which of these words describe the creatures in the new land?

- beautiful busy easily bored friendly gentle healthy intelligent strong music-loving

## Chapters 7–9

5 Put these things in the order that the Time Traveller does them. Number the sentences 1–6.

- a He saves a girl's life.
- b He is attacked by the Morlocks.
- c He follows a Morlock.
- d He notices a lot of wells.
- e He is woken up by a strange animal.
- f He goes down a well.

6 Are these sentences about the Morlocks true (T) or false (F)?

- a They move slowly.
- b They have white skin.
- c They live underground.
- d They are lazy.
- e They are blind.
- f They eat meat.

## Chapters 10–12

7 Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

- a The Eloi are becoming less ...
  - 1 helpless.
  - 2 powerful.
  - 3 frightened.
- b The Time Traveller feels happy in the Green Palace because ...
  - 1 it is safe from the Morlocks.
  - 2 he finds some matches there.
  - 3 it is interesting.
- c Weena ...
  - 1 dies in the fire.
  - 2 gets lost in the forest.
  - 3 is eaten by the Morlocks.

## Chapters 13–15

8 Answer the questions. What ...

- a do the Morlocks eat now?  
.....
- b does the Time Traveller do by mistake?  
.....
- c has totally disappeared from the future sky?  
.....
- d creatures are still alive in the future?  
.....
- e colour is the sky of the future?  
.....
- f does the Time Traveller hear at the end of the world?  
.....
- g does the Medical Man want to keep?  
.....
- h does the Time Traveller take on his journey?  
.....