



Year 5 Comprehension 3: The Time Capsule



Once upon a time, in the small town of Maplewood, the students of Maplewood Elementary School were buzzing with excitement. It was a sunny spring day, and the entire school was gathered in the courtyard to bury a time capsule. The idea was to create a snapshot of their lives in the year 2023, to be opened many years later.

The time capsule was a sturdy metal box, decorated with colourful drawings and messages from the students. Each class had carefully chosen an item that represented their year. The fifth-grade class, led by their teacher, Mrs. Johnson, had decided to include a class photo, a handwritten letter from each student, and a piece of artwork showcasing their dreams for the future.

As the students gathered around the hole they had dug in the courtyard, there was a sense of anticipation in the air. Mrs. Johnson spoke to the students about the importance of preserving memories and sharing a piece of their lives with future generations.

One by one, the students placed their items in the time capsule. Some felt a twinge of sadness, saying goodbye to their cherished belongings, while others were excited about the idea of someone discovering their messages in the future.

Finally, it was time to lower the time capsule into the hole. The students took turns shovelling dirt back into the hole until it was completely buried. They marked the spot with a special stone and a plaque that read, "Maplewood Elementary Time Capsule, to be opened in 2043."



The years passed quickly, and the students who had buried the time capsule moved on to middle school and beyond. They sometimes wondered about the time capsule and what the future would bring.

In 2043, the day finally arrived to unearth the time capsule. The former students, now adults, gathered at Maplewood Elementary School once again. They had aged, but the memories of that sunny spring day in 2023 were still fresh in their minds.

With shovels in hand, they carefully dug up the time capsule and opened it. Inside, they found the class photo, now faded with time, the handwritten letters filled with dreams and aspirations that had either come true or evolved into new ones, and the piece of artwork that showcased their hopes for the future.

As they read the letters and examined the items, tears welled up in their eyes. The memories of their year at Maplewood Elementary School flooded back, and they felt a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity to revisit their past.

The former students gathered around and shared stories about their lives since 2023. They realized how much they had grown and changed, but the bonds they had formed during their elementary school years remained strong.

The Maplewood Elementary School Time Capsule had served as a bridge between the past and the present, reminding them of their dreams, aspirations, and the enduring friendships they had forged. It was a day filled with nostalgia, laughter, and reflection as they celebrated the journey from the past to the present and looked forward to the future with hope and anticipation.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was the purpose of burying the time capsule in Maplewood Elementary School?
 - a) To hide a treasure
 - b) To create a snapshot of their lives in 2023
 - c) To play a school game
 - d) To test their digging skills

2. What items did the fifth-grade class decide to include in the time capsule?
 - a) Money and toys
 - b) A class pet and a computer
 - c) A class photo, handwritten letters, and a piece of artwork
 - d) Sports equipment and musical instruments

3. Who led the fifth-grade class in burying the time capsule?
 - a) The school principal
 - b) The custodian
 - c) Their teacher, Mrs. Johnson
 - d) A famous archaeologist

4. What did the students feel as they placed their items in the time capsule?
 - a) Sadness
 - b) Excitement
 - c) Both a) and b)
 - d) None of the above



5. How did they mark the spot where the time capsule was buried?

- a) With a special stone and a plaque
- b) With a tall flagpole
- c) With colourful balloons
- d) With a big sign

6. When was the time capsule to be opened?

- a) In 2053
- b) In 2028
- c) In 2043
- d) In 2035

7. How did the former students feel when they unburied the time capsule in 2043?

- a) Annoyed
- b) Excited
- c) Bored
- d) Angry

8. What did the former students find inside the time capsule?

- a) A time machine
- b) A class pet
- c) A class photo, handwritten letters, and a piece of artwork
- d) Candy and toys



9. How did the former students feel as they read the letters and examined the items?

- a) Indifferent
- b) Sad
- c) Nostalgic
- d) Angry

10. What did the time capsule symbolize for the former students?

- a) A boring school project
- b) A bridge between the past and the present
- c) A treasure hunt
- d) A time travel adventure



Short Answer Questions

1. What is the purpose of burying a time capsule?

2. Where did the students of Maplewood Elementary School gather to bury the time capsule?

3. What was the time capsule made of?

4. What items did the fifth-grade class decide to include in the time capsule?



5. Who led the fifth-grade class in preparing the time capsule?

6. How did the students feel as they placed their items in the time capsule?

7. How did they mark the spot where the time capsule was buried?

8. When was the time capsule scheduled to be opened?



9. What happened in the years that passed after burying the time capsule?

10. How did the former students feel when it was time to unearth the time capsule in 2043?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions

1. b) To create a snapshot of their lives in 2023
2. c) A class photo, handwritten letters, and a piece of artwork
3. c) Their teacher, Mrs. Johnson
4. c) Both a) and b)
5. a) With a special stone and a plaque
6. c) In 2043
7. b) Excited
8. c) A class photo, handwritten letters, and a piece of artwork
9. c) Nostalgic
10. b) A bridge between the past and the present

Short Answer Questions

1. The purpose of burying a time capsule is to preserve memories and share a snapshot of a specific time with future generations.
2. The students gathered in the school's courtyard to bury the time capsule.
3. The time capsule was made of sturdy metal.
4. The fifth-grade class decided to include a class photo, handwritten letters from each student, and a piece of artwork.
5. The fifth-grade class was led by their teacher, Mrs. Johnson, in preparing the time capsule.
6. Some students felt a twinge of sadness, while others were excited about the idea of someone discovering their messages in the future.
7. They marked the spot with a special stone and a plaque that read, "Maplewood Elementary Time Capsule, to be opened in 2043."
8. The time capsule was scheduled to be opened in 2043.
9. The students grew up, moved on to middle school and beyond, and wondered about the time capsule.
10. The former students felt a mix of excitement and nostalgia when it was time to unearth the time capsule in 2043



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