

Hard Times for the Time Trippers

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Words

1 Match the various sections of this book to the purpose that each part serves.

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|----------------------|---|
| 1) Contents | a) information and activities about themes connected with the story |
| 2) Before reading | b) pictures of places in the story with connected activities |
| 3) After reading | c) where you can find the words you don't know with additional activities |
| 4) Settings | d) exercises that introduce a chapter |
| 5) About the Story | e) a list of the twelve chapters of the story and the extra activities |
| 6) Not only glossary | f) exercises about a chapter and the language used in it |

CHAPTER 1

A Desperate Decision

"It isn't true! It can't be true!"

Matt Johnson woke up suddenly. It was that nightmare again: it's the last day at Newbridge Middle School before the holidays. He comes home. His parents aren't there. There's a note on the table.

"Dear Matt, We'll be home soon, with a surprise for you! Mum and Dad."

He remembers what the surprise was – a summer holiday in California. In the next scene in his dream the police arrive. They tell Matt about the car accident. His parents are dead. Matt feels ill. The room is spinning. He falls to the floor semi-conscious. The dream switches to the funeral, then the journey to Greenwood to live with his Gran...

But this time, when he woke up, Matt remembered a strange detail in the nightmare. When he was semi-conscious, there was a face near him, a pretty girl's face, Linda's face. But surely that wasn't possible?

Pictures

2 Look at the picture of Matt and Linda, the two protagonists of the story, then use these words to complete the sentences.

He's His She's Her They're

- 1) _____ tall and dark.
- 2) _____ friends.
- 3) _____ favourite sport is swimming.
- 4) _____ fair and slim.
- 5) _____ favourite sport is football.



He didn't know Linda then. They became friends in Greenwood, after the accident. He smiles as he remembers their incredible adventures together, travelling back in time, first to the Middle Ages and then to the Wild West. After he met Linda he was happy and his nightmares stopped. But now they are back.

"I must do something!" Matt whispers to himself desperately.

"I'm home!"

Linda Chapman came happily into the house after a Saturday afternoon at the swimming pool. Her mother was by the telephone. She wasn't happy.

"What's wrong, Mum?" asked Linda.

"That was your father on the phone. He wants to see you tomorrow, for your birthday. Why didn't he tell me before? Now I've got everything ready for your party, but if he wants to see you, I can't stop him."

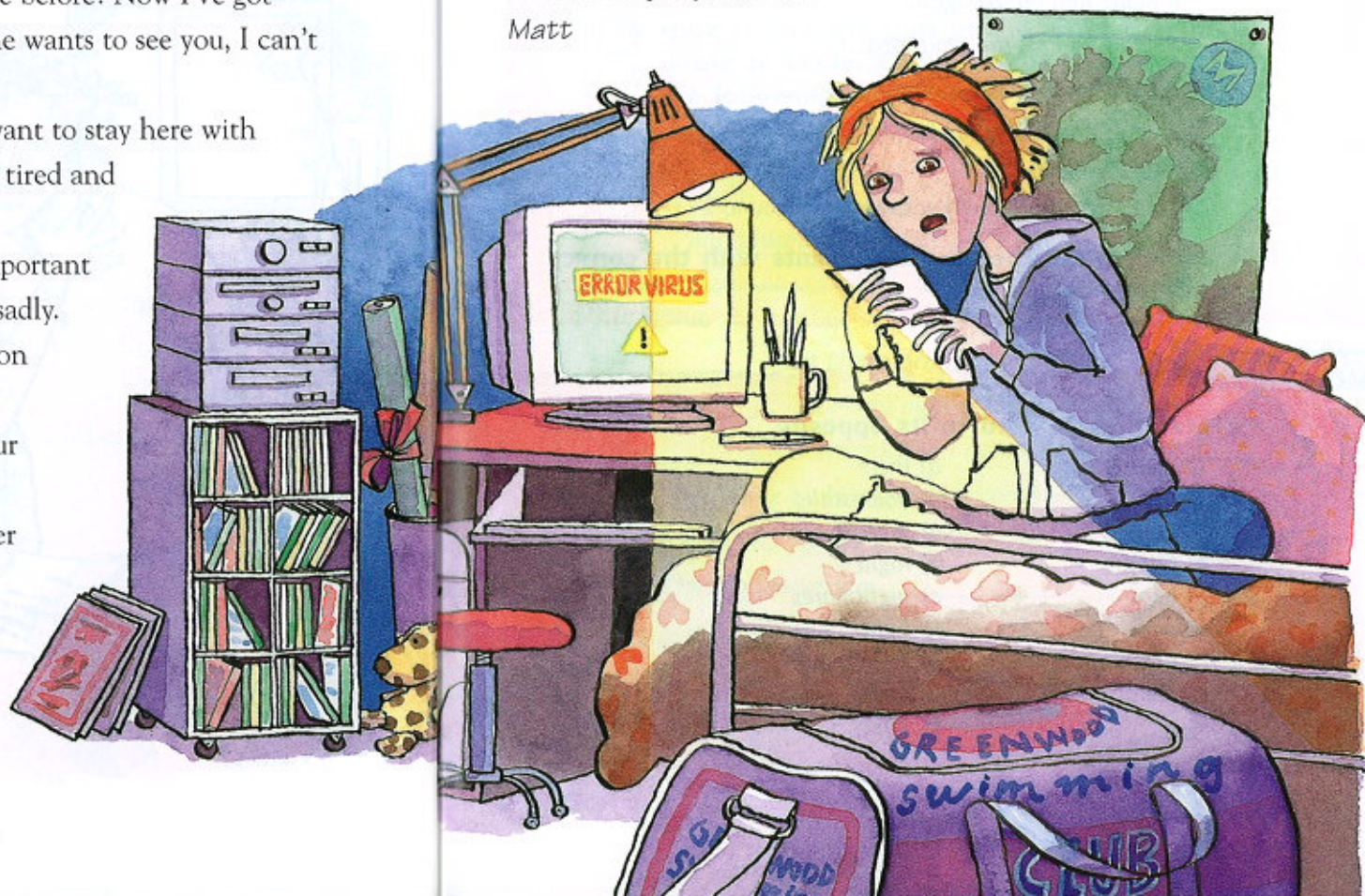
"Oh, Mum!" said Linda unhappily. "I want to stay here with you, Matt and my friends. Dad's always tired and irritated."

"It's his work, Linda, you know how important that is for him." Linda's mother smiled sadly.

"Don't worry, dear, I'll think of a solution to please everybody. Oh, Linda, Matt's here. He's in your room working on your computer."

Linda smiled. She ran upstairs to see her best friend – but Matt wasn't there!

On the computer screen were the words "ERROR - VIRUS". Then she saw a note on her bed. It was Matt's writing.



Dear Linda, if you are reading this note, then there are two possibilities:

1 – something went wrong.

2 – my plan worked.

What plan, you're asking yourself? It's something I must do – I want to try to save my Mum and Dad, so I'm using the Time Trippers software to go back to Newbridge to the day before their accident. I know Mr Wells says we can't change the past, but we have this secret possibility to travel in time using the computer and I must discover if I can change my parents destiny. I miss them so much, Linda. If it works, or if something goes wrong, I don't know if you and I will see each other again. But I think we will, because before I met you in Greenwood I'm sure I already knew you – your face was already in my dreams.

I'll never forget you, Linda.

Matt



A Desperate Decision

The story so far

3 True or false? Indicate T or F.

- | | T | F |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Matt went to Florida for a summer holiday. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) Matt lives with his grandmother now. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) Matt was happy when he arrived in Greenwood. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) Matt and Linda had an adventure in Roman times. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5) Matt and Linda went to America during one adventure. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6) Linda's friendship was good for Matt because it made him happy again. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7) Linda's parents are separated. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8) It's Linda's birthday today. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9) Linda's dad thinks his family is more important than his work. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10) Linda's mum doesn't know Matt. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Now rewrite the false statements with the correct information.

Words

4 Match each word to its opposite.

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|-------------|---------------|
| 1) dark | a) there |
| 2) day | b) downstairs |
| 3) dreams | c) present |
| 4) happily | d) night |
| 5) here | e) nightmares |
| 6) past | f) light |
| 7) upstairs | g) sadly |
| 8) dead | h) well |
| 9) ill | i) alive |

Language

5 Match the beginning of each sentence to the correct ending.

- 1) If Matt goes to sleep...
2) If Linda goes to see her father...
3) If Matt saves his parents...
4) If Matt changes the past...
5) If there's a virus in the computer...
a) ... he will change the past.
b) ... it can cause errors.
c) ... he has a terrible nightmare.
d) ... she will have an unhappy birthday.
e) ... the present will change too.

FIRST CONDITIONAL

If he wants to see you, I can't stop him.
If something goes wrong, I don't know
if we'll see each other again.

Check your comprehension

6 Here is a rough draft of the letter that Matt wrote to Linda. Complete the letter by writing the following sentences in the gaps.

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1) but I want to try | 4) So you found my note |
| 2) my plan didn't work | 5) I want to stop the accident |
| 3) I'll always remember our adventures together | 6) Goodbye |
| | 7) you're thinking |

Dear Linda,

_____! Then there are 2 possibilities:

1 - _____; 2 - my plan worked. What plan,

_____? It's something I must do - _____

so I'm going back to Newbridge. I know Mr Wells says we can't change the past, _____.

If something goes wrong, _____.

_____, Linda.

Matt