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The Time Capsule

by Anita N. Amin

"I'm going to make a time capsule," Anna told her parents at the breakfast table.

Dad looked up from his coffee mug and smiled.

"Sounds interesting. Say hello to the pilgrims for me."

Laughing, Anna shook her head. "No, Dad. You're thinking of time *travel*. I'm building a time capsule –it's like a memory box. I watched my principal dig one up from our school yard yesterday. Some students buried the capsule thirty years ago. It had a lot of old stuff in it, so we could see what life was like back then."

After breakfast, Anna went to her dad's workbench in the garage. She looked around and found an old coffee can filled with nuts and bolts. She dumped them out so she could use it as her time capsule. She scratched her head. What should she put in the can?

With her kitten following close behind, Anna browsed through her things. She grabbed her favorite book, her yo-yo and some photos. She packed them in the can. She pulled off her charm bracelet and placed it in the can too.

"What else should I put in here?" she asked Kitty. "The newspaper? So people will know what happened today?" Anna ran downstairs and brought back the newspaper. She folded it up and in the can it went.





“Meow.” Kitty nudged a ball toward the can.

“Sure, Kitty, I’ll include your ball.” Anna put Kitty’s ball in the can.

Anna put the top on and sealed the can with tape. On the front, she wrote ANNA AND KITTY’S TIME CAPSULE with a thick black marker.

She carried the can outside. After grabbing a shovel from the shed, she buried her time capsule in the garden. “All done,” she told Kitty.

After a few minutes, Anna sighed. What should she do next? She couldn’t yo-yo. Or read her favorite book. She’d buried those. Now, she missed them.

She scratched her head, then paused. She missed the sound of her bracelet clinking too.

“Meow.” Kitty pawed the burial spot.

“Do you miss your ball?” Anna asked. “Don’t worry. I’ll get it for you.”

So Anna dug up their time capsule.

Kitty pounced on the ball.

And Anna pulled on her bracelet and read her book while yo-yoing under a tree in the garden.

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 - a. a memory box
 - b. a machine for telling time
 - c. a machine for traveling in time
 - d. a Thanksgiving play

2. List six items that Anna placed in her time capsule.

3. Where did Anna bury her time capsule?

4. How long had the time capsule at Anna's school been buried?

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| a. a dozen years | b. two decades |
| c. three decades | d. 30 minutes |

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2. ___ ___ p s u ___

clue: small container

2. _____

3. ___ ___ f f ___

clue: hot drink made from roasted beans

3. _____

4. ___ ___ ___ c e ___ e t

clue: jewelry worn around the wrist

4. _____

5. ___ u ___ i a l

clue: process of burying something

5. _____

6. ___ a r ___ ___ r

clue: writing tool filled with ink

6. _____

7. ___ o u ___ ___ e d

clue: jumped on top of something

7. _____

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In the story, "The Time Capsule" you read about a girl who places items in time capsule and buries it in her backyard garden.

Imagine you were going to create a time capsule and bury it in your yard. Write a paragraph in which you list four things you would put in your time capsule. Give a reason for choosing each item.



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