

# The Time Machine

## The characters

### The Jackson family

**Mike:** 14; likes sport, sometimes messy; sports clothes

**Pamela:** 13; Mike's sister; loves History, easy-going; T-shirt, jeans

**Mrs Jackson:** a dance teacher

**Mr Jackson:** a music teacher

**Grandad Jack**

**Grandma Betty**

### Other characters

**1960s Jack**

**1960s Betty**

**Some 1960s teenagers at the café**

**1980s Mr Jackson (Peter)**

**1980s Mrs Jackson (Tina)**

**Some 1980s teenagers at the park**

**Professor Smart:** a scientist; she has a laptop bag, a lab coat and glasses

**Nick No and Diana Dear:** Professor Smart's assistants

**A waitress**

**Narrators:** two boys and two girls

**Narrator 1:** Let's meet the Jackson family. They live in a semi-detached house in a small town. Mr Jackson is a music teacher and Mrs Jackson is a dance teacher.

**Mr and Mrs Jackson:** Hello! *[They wave to the audience.]*

**Narrator 2:** Let's meet their son and daughter. This is Mike. He loves sport. He's the best player in the football team.

**Mike:** Hi there! *[Mike waves to the audience.]*

**Narrator 1:** This is Pamela. She's Mike's sister. She likes school and she's very good at History.

**Pamela:** Hello! *[Pamela waves to the audience.]*

**Narrator 2:** It's Saturday and Mr and Mrs Jackson have to go to a theatre school, where they work.

**Mrs Jackson:** Mike, please put away your clothes and make your bed. Your room is messy.

**Mike:** Oops! Sorry, Mum. I'll tidy it today.

**Mrs Jackson:** Good. Thanks, Mike.

**Mr Jackson:** Pamela, you must do your homework today.

**Pamela:** OK, Dad. But can we go to the Music Café with Grandma and Grandad first?

**Mr Jackson:** Of course, you can. That's a great idea.

**Mr and Mrs Jackson:** Bye! See you later!

**Pamela and Mike:** Bye!

*[Mr and Mrs Jackson leave.]*

**Pamela:** Let's phone Grandad Jack.

**Mike:** OK. *[Mike phones his Grandad.]* Hi, Grandad. Would you and Grandma like to come to the Music Café with us? *[a pause]* Great! What time do you want to meet? *[a pause]* OK. See you soon.

**Pamela:** What time are we meeting them?

**Mike:** At two o'clock.

**Pamela:** Great. That's in 30 minutes. Let's go.

*[Mike sees the time machine in the grass.*

*He points at it.]*

**Mike:** Look. What's that?

**Pamela:** I don't know. Pick it up.

**Mike:** *[Mike picks up the time machine.]* It looks like a clock. We should find the person who lost it.

**Pamela:** Yes. But I can't see anyone here. Bring it to the café. We can ask Grandad.

**Mike:** Good idea.

## Scene 1

*[We can see the Jackson's front garden. Suddenly there is a flash of lights and a noise. Professor Smart and her assistants enter the scene.]*

**Narrator 1:** Hello, everyone. Welcome to our play.

**Narrator 2:** That's Professor Smart and her assistants, Nick No and Diana Dear. Professor Smart has a time machine. They have returned from a journey to the year 2000.

**Professor Smart:** The year 2000 was interesting. Where is my laptop? *[She puts the time machine on the grass and looks in her bag.]* Nick, please look after the time machine.

**Nick No:** Yes, Professor Smart. Oh, no! Oh, no! I must be careful.

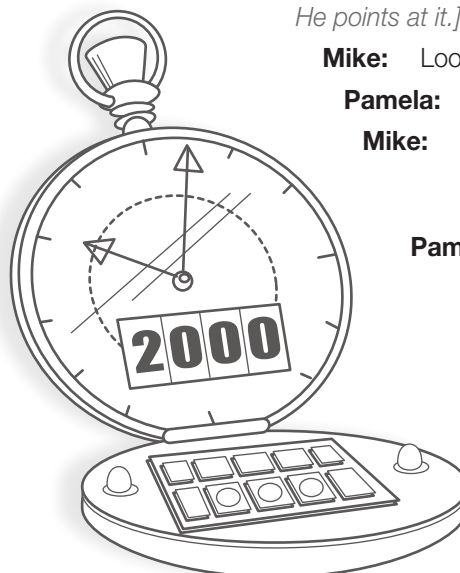
**Diana Dear:** Oh dear. Oh dear! You aren't organised, Nick. I can look after the time machine.

**Nick No:** No, Diana. I can do it.

**Diana Dear:** Oh dear, Nick. You can't do it!

**Professor Smart:** Come on, you two! Let's go.

*[Professor Smart leaves fast and her assistants run after her. They forget the time machine on the grass. The Jackson family come out of their house and enter the scene.]*



## Scene 2

[Mike and Pamela have arrived at the Music Café. Grandad and Grandma are there.]

**Pamela:** Hi, Grandad and Grandma. When did you get here? Are we late?

**Grandad:** Hi, kids. No, you aren't late. We got here five minutes ago.

**Grandma:** I love this café! I met your Grandad here!

**Mike:** Wow! When was that?

**Grandma:** In 1965. I was thirteen and Grandad was fourteen. He was a quiet boy.

**Grandad:** You were quieter than me. We were good kids. We didn't eat a lot of sweets.

**Grandma:** Let's go inside. We can talk about 1965.

**Mike:** [Mike has the time machine in his hand.] 1965!

[There is a flash of lights and a noise.]

**Mike:** What happened?

**Pamela:** I don't know. But look at the clock. It says 1965.

**Mike:** Let's find Grandad and Grandma.



[Mike and Pamela go inside the café. They see some teenagers. They are wearing 1960s style clothes.]

**Pamela:** Mike. Where are we? Those kids are wearing clothes from 1965.

**Mike:** How do you know?

**Pamela:** I've read about the 1965 on a History website.

**Mike:** Cool! Let's sit down.

[They sit at a table with four chairs.]

**Mike:** I don't think this is a clock. It's a time machine!

**Pamela:** Wow! That's amazing. Are Grandad and Grandma here? I mean Betty and Jack!

[Betty and Jack come up to them.]

**Betty:** Hi! I'm Betty. I heard my name.

**Jack:** I'm Jack. Can we sit here?

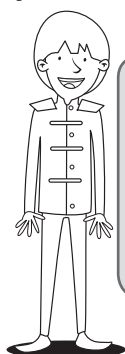
**Mike:** Sure.

**Pamela:** I'm Pamela and this is my brother, Mike.

**Betty:** Nice to meet you.

**Jack:** I love the Beatles. They're my favourite band. I want to play the drums like Ringo Starr. Watch.  
[Jack drums loudly on the table.]

**Betty:** Let's clap! [Betty claps her hands loudly.]



### Jack's song

I can play the drums.  
I can make some noise.  
Come on and clap your hands.  
We can make some noise!



[A waitress walks to their table.]

**Waitress:** Be quiet, Betty and Jack. You are always loud!

**Jack:** Sorry! We'd like the biggest ice creams in the café, please. With sweets on top!

**Waitress:** OK. Two big ice creams with sweets on them!

**Betty:** Yum! Mike and Pamela, would you like some ice cream?

**Pamela:** No, thank you. I'm not hungry.

**Mike:** No, thanks. We have to leave now. It's late. Bye!

**Jack and Betty:** Bye, guys!

[Mike and Pamela get up and they leave.]

## Scene 3

[At the park. Pamela and Mike are sitting on a bench.]

**Narrator 1:** Mike and Pamela walked to the park.

**Pamela:** We've seen Grandad and Grandma in 1965.

**Mike:** They weren't quiet. They were loud!

**Pamela:** And they ate lots and lots of ice cream!

**Mike:** This is fun! I have an idea. When were Mum and Dad our age?

**Pamela:** Let's do the maths. Dad was fourteen in 1989 and Mum was thirteen.

**Mike:** Do you want to meet them?

**Pamela:** Yes!

**Mike:** OK. [Mike looks at the time machine.] 1989!

[There is a flash of lights and a noise.]

**Pamela:** Look! Those kids are wearing clothes from 1989.

**Mike:** Are Mum and Dad here?

**Pamela:** Well, they spent a lot of time in the park when they were young.

**Mike:** Let's talk to those teenagers and find out.

[There are some teenagers talking and laughing in the park. They are wearing 1980s style clothes. Peter has a beat box. Mike and Pamela walk up to them.]

**Mike:** Hi. I'm Mike and this is my sister, Pamela.

**Peter:** Hello. I'm Peter and this is Tina.

**Pamela:** [Pamela speaks to Mike's ear.] It's Mum and Dad!

**Tina:** Hi. Nice to meet you.

**Pamela:** Hello. Do you come to the park every day?

**Peter:** Yes, we do. We come here after school and every weekend.

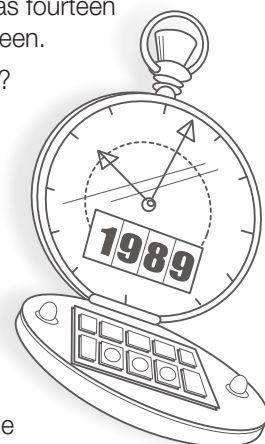
**Mike:** When do you do your chores?

**Tina:** I don't do my chores. I hate them!

**Pamela:** When do you do your homework?

**Peter:** I don't do my homework. I hate it!

**Tina:** We like music and dancing. Do you like music and dancing?

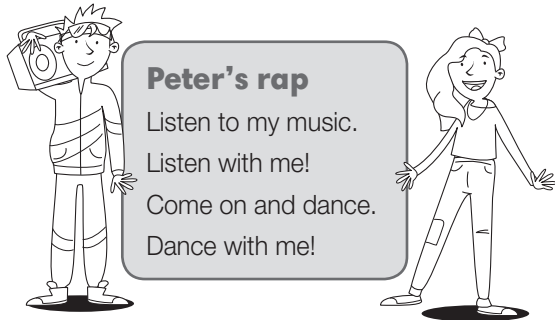


**Pamela:** Yes, we do. What's that? *[She points to the beat box.]*

**Peter:** It's my music player. It's a beat box! Let's listen to some music.

**Tina:** And dance! Turn on the beat box, Peter!

*[Peter turns on his beat box. The music is loud. Tina dances.]*



*[Peter turns off the music.]*

**Tina:** Would you like to dance with us?

**Pamela:** Sorry, we can't. We must go home. I must do my homework.

**Mike:** And I must do my chores. Bye.

**Peter and Tina:** Bye, guys!

## Scene 4

*[Peter and Pamela are in the Jackson's front garden.]*

**Narrator 1:** Mike and Pamela walked home.

**Narrator 2:** They were walking home when they remembered the year was 1989. Mike said their year and the time machine took them home to their time.

*[There is a flash of lights and a noise.]*

**Pamela:** We're home. This is our year. We've seen our grandparents in 1965.

**Mike:** And we've seen our parents in 1989.

**Pamela:** Dad hated homework!

**Mike:** And Mum hated chores!

*[Grandad Jack and Grandma Betty arrive.]*

**Grandad:** There you are! We heard a noise at the café and you didn't come in. Are you OK?

**Pamela:** Yes, we are. Grandma ... did you have an ice cream with sweets?

**Grandma:** No, we didn't. We don't eat lots of ice cream or sweets.

**Mike:** Were you loud, Grandad?

**Grandad:** No. We are never loud.

**Pamela:** Did you eat lots of ice cream or sweets when you were young?

**Grandma:** Well, erm ... yes! *[laughing]* And ... we were loud!

**Pamela and Mike:** Ha ha!

*[Mr Jackson and Mrs Jackson arrive.]*

**Mr Jackson:** Hi, Pamela. Have you done your homework?

**Pamela:** No, I haven't. But I like homework, Dad. Did you like homework when you were young?

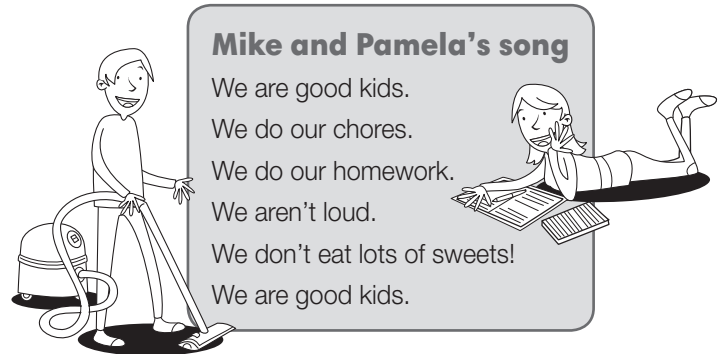
**Mr Jackson:** Well, erm ... no!

**Mrs Jackson:** Have you done your chores, Mike?

**Mike:** No, I haven't. But I always do my chores, Mum. Did you do your chores when you were young?

**Mrs Jackson:** Well, erm ... no! *[laughing]*

**Pamela and Mike:** Ha ha!



*[Grandparents and parents go inside their house for dinner. Mike and Pamela stay in the garden. Mike puts the time machine on the grass.]*

**Mike:** We don't need this now.

**Pamela:** Let's leave it here. The person who lost it can find it.

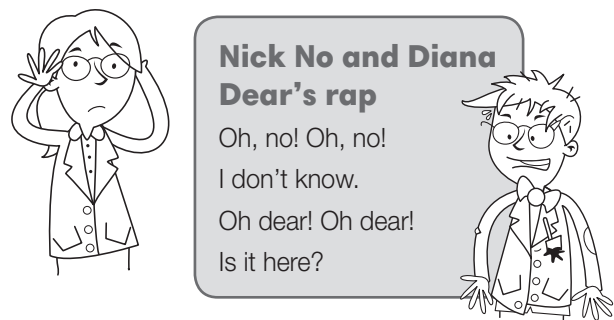
*[Mike and Pamela go inside their house. Professor Smart and her assistants enter the scene.]*

**Professor Smart:** Where did you put the time machine, Nick?

**Nick No:** Oh, no! Oh, no! I don't know.

**Professor Smart:** Where did Nick put the time machine, Diana?

**Diana Dear:** Oh dear! Oh dear! Is it here?



*[Professor Smart and her assistants look for the time machine.]*

**Professor Smart:** *[She finds the time machine.]* I've found it!

**Nick No and Diana Dear:** Hurray!

**Professor Smart:** Come on. Let's go. We have lots of times and places to visit.

*[Professor Smart and her assistants leave. Everyone comes onto the scene to wave goodbye.]*

**Narrator 1:** We hope you liked our play.

**Narrator 2:** Thank you for watching! Bye!

**All:** Bye bye. *[Everyone waves.]*