

A trip to Remember

Abi was playing a virtual tennis game on her tablet.

"Why don't you go and play tennis outside?" suggested Grandma.

"Why would I go outside?" replied Abi. "Virtual tennis is just as good as real tennis."

"Ha!" said Grandma. "I prefer playing tennis outside. Fresh air is important and we won't have it forever!"

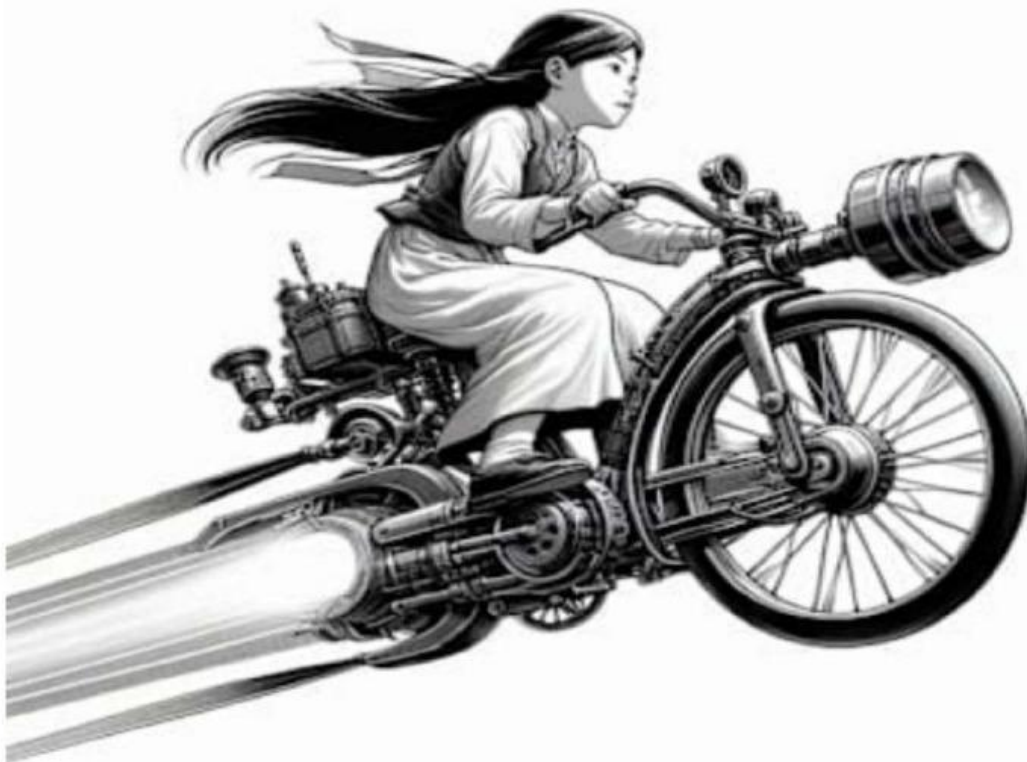
"Oh, Grandma." laughed Abi. "Of course we will!"

The next day was Abi's birthday. She ran outside to Grandma's workshop. It was full of wonderful inventions - a flying trumpet, a musical pen and a robot window cleaner!

"Happy Birthday!" said Grandma as she hugged Abi. "Wait there and I'll get your present. Be careful though. Remember not to touch anything!"

Abi looked around the workshop at all the new inventions. Then she noticed an old sheet in the corner. She lifted the sheet and found an old-fashioned purple bike underneath it.

"Hmm... this bike isn't as interesting as Grandma's other inventions," she thought. She got on the bike and started to pedal forwards. Suddenly, Abi and the bike were lifted into the air! Whoosh! Clunk!



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Abi opened her eyes and realised that she was in the town centre! But everything looked different! All around her there were tall glass skyscrapers with flying cars whizzing past.

"Oh, my goodness! I'm in the future!" she exclaimed, looking at the old bike in surprise. Then she noticed the robot cleaning the street nearby.

"Where is all the grass?" she asked the robot. "What are trees" Abi looked around. The sky was grey and the air felt polluted. She couldn't see any birds or animals anywhere. In fact, the streets were empty - why weren't there any children playing outside?

"I don't like it here," she said unhappily. "I want to go home." Abi knew what she had to do. She jumped onto the bike and pedaled backwards.

Woosh! Clunk! Abi opened her eyes and saw that she was back in Grandma's workshop.

"There you are," said Grandma. "I was looking for you!": Abi got off the bike and hugged her grandma.

"Here's your present," said Grandma. Abi opened it. It was a new time-travel game for her tablet.

"Thanks, Grandma!" said Abi. "It's fantastic! I can't wait to play it later. But first, can we go outside and play tennis?"

Grandma smiled. "Of course, we can! Real tennis is just as good as virtual tennis," she said, laughing.



Activity 3: Read the story. Who do you think said these sentences? Write A for (Abi) or G for (Grandma)

Sentence	Person
1. It's great. I can just sit here and play anything I want.	
2. Young people don't play as much as they used to.	
3. What should I call my latest robot cat?	
4. Old-fashioned things are boring, I prefer modern inventions.	
5. What happened? There isn't any nature in the future.	

Activity 2: Choose the correct answer

6. Abi doesn't want to play tennis outside because she prefers....
a. playing on her tablet
b. playing in Grandma's workshop
7. When Abi pedals forwards on the bike, it takes her to the ...
a. different town
b. to the future
8. Abi doesn't like the future because
a. there aren't any children outside
b. there are a lot of Skyscrapers