



Making a time capsule

Tell people in the future your life now!

Here's how to make a time capsule. Choose some everyday things, put them in a box and leave them in a secret place for someone in the future to find! The person who finds the box will learn about what life is like now by looking at the things.

You will need:

five to six things a plastic bag strong tape a paper, a pen and some pencils
a box strong tape a permanent marker pen

1. Choose five to six things that show what life is like now. Avoid things that need electronic equipment to work. Don't forget, CD players and computers will be very different in the future!
- 2 Write a letter to the finder of the time capsule.
- 3 Put the things and the letter in a box.
- 4 Put the box in a plastic bag and seal it with strong tape.
- 5 Write your name, today's date and the date you want the box to be opened on the bag. Use a permanent marker pen so that people will be able to read it in 50 years' time!
- 6 Make a hole in the garden and bury your time capsule.
- 7 Draw a map to show where your time capsule is. Keep it somewhere safe.
- 8 Now try to forget about it!

1 Read the information about making a time capsule. Look at the pictures. Which thing wouldn't you put in a time capsule? Why not?

2 Read the text again and answer the questions.

1 If you make a time capsule, what will it show people in the future?

2 What will you put in the box with your chosen objects?

3 What will you put the box into?

4 What two dates will you write on it?

5 Why will you need a special kind of pen to write on it?

6 How will people in the future find the time capsule?