

## **LAFFF**

Peter Lu was Angela's neighbor. He was so smart, some people said he was a genius. But some people said Peter was a nerd. There was a **rumor** that he was building a fantastic machine in his garage. One day, he told Angela the truth. He **admitted** he had built a machine for time travel. It could go forward in time, into the future, but not backward. He called his invention **LAFFF**. Angela was impressed!

There was a writing contest at school. One person would win for the best story. Angela wanted to use Peter's machine to travel in time in order to read the winning story. She wanted to copy the story and submit it into the contest.

Angela gave Peter her **destination**: three weeks in the future. She traveled to the future. She found the winning story and had to **concentrate** to read it quickly. The story disappeared before she finished reading it.

Angela wrote what she remembered and made up the rest. Then she waited in **suspense**. She really wanted to know who won the contest.

When the news came, Angela was the winner! However, she felt bad about reading the story from the future. Had she stolen another student's story, and glory? Even Peter's **compliment** that she was a good writer did not make her feel better.

Angela was miserable but also puzzled that nobody had complained about her having stolen the story. Peter asked Angela to think hard about her story. Who had thought of the ideas in it? As Angela discussed the story, she realized that she herself had written the **original** story. She'd stolen her own story from the future!