1.2 90s TIME CAPSULE

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Learn what life was like for young people in the 1990s
- Talk about the past using regular and irregular verbs

VOCABULARY

1 **What did Curtis and Amanda find inside the time capsule from 1999? Name the items in the pictures.**

They found some CDs ...

2 **Read labels A–F and answer the questions in bold from the students of 1999.**

3 **Read the labels again and find the opposites of the verbs in the box. Which are in the past tense?**

buy	disagree	disappear	disconnect
lend	lose	send	spend

'Borrow' means to take something *from* another person, knowing you will give it back. 'Lend' means to give something *to* another person, knowing they will give it back.

4 **Complete the questions with the correct form of some of the verbs from exercise 3, including the opposites. Then ask and answer.**

1 Do you ever _____ books from a library?
2 Where do you usually _____ clothes?
3 Do you ever send or _____ letters or postcards? Who to or from?
4 How many devices do you and your family own that _____ to the internet?
5 Which bands and singers do you know that regularly _____ awards?
6 What do teenagers usually _____ their money on?
7 'People today spend too much time looking at phones or computers.' Do you _____ or disagree?
8 What popular fashion or technology from today do you think will _____ during the next ten years?



LIVEWORKSHEETS

GRAMMAR

Past simple: regular and irregular verbs

5 Complete the table about the past simple. Use the time capsule labels to help you.

		Affirmative	Negative
Regular verbs	I / He / She / It / We / You / They	agreed appeared saved	1 _____ 2 _____ didn't save
Irregular verbs	I / He / She / It / We / You / They	3 _____ spent 4 _____	didn't sell didn't spend didn't win
Questions and answers			
When did grunge appear?		It appeared in the 80s.	
Did you agree?		Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.	

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6 Complete the sentences with the past simple forms of the verbs in brackets.

1 Nintendo, the Japanese electronics company, created (create) the Game Boy™. They sold (sell) almost 120 million of them between 1989 and 2003.
2 Grunge fashion _____ (appear) at the same time as grunge music when bands like Nirvana and Pearl Jam became popular. It _____ (make) these boots fashionable again.
3 In the early 90s, CDs _____ (replace) cassettes as the most popular way to buy music.
4 Local rental shops _____ (be) everywhere. People _____ (not need to) travel very far to get a film to watch.
5 Mobile phones made calls and _____ (send) text messages, but they _____ (not connect) to the internet.
6 The first website _____ (go) online in late 1990. The first online shopping site _____ (open) in 1994. The first YouTube™ video _____ (not appear) until 2005 – it's called 'Me at the zoo'.

7 Match 1–6 in exercise 6 to labels A–F from the time capsule on page 10.

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8 Write questions about the 1990s. Use the past simple.

1 How many / Game Boys / Nintendo sell?
2 What kind of music / Nirvana and Pearl Jam / play?
3 How / most people / listen to music in the 1990s?
4 Where / people / borrow films from in the 1990s?
5 Mobile phones / connect to the internet / in the 1990s?
6 When / the first website / go online?

9 Answer the questions from exercise 8 using the information from exercise 6.

10 THINK In what ways were 1990s entertainment and communication different to the present day?

People didn't have smartphones or social media ...

11 Ask questions about your partner's life when they were 8–10 years old.

Did you have a pet when you were 8?

Yes, I did. I had a dog. And you?

1 have / pet?
2 What / sports / do?
3 What / films / like?
4 Where / spend / holidays?

PROJECT BUILDER 2

Choose items to include in your time capsule.

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12 Choose five items for your time capsule that show what life is like in the present day. Write notes about each of them. Use the mind map to help you.

Technology – Netflix™

- Netflix first appeared in the late 90s as an online DVD rental company – they lent DVDs to customers by post. But in 2007, the company started streaming films online.



13 Discuss ways to present the items in your time capsule.

I can search for an article about Netflix.

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