

⚡ STUDENT WORKSHEET:

Back to the Future



Level: B1 (Intermediate) | Name: _____ | Date: _____

PART 1: PRE-WATCHING

(Do this before you start the movie)

A. Vocabulary Match

Draw a line to connect the word to its definition.



Word	Definition
1. Bully	A. A chemical element used to power the time machine.
2. Inventor	B. A person who creates new things or devices.
3. Plutonium	C. A specific period of time in history (e.g., the 50s).
4. Era	D. Someone who is mean and hurts weaker people.
5. Flux Capacitor	E. The fictional device that makes time travel possible.



B. The 80s vs. The 50s

The movie happens in two different times. Sort the words below into the correct section and identify the pictures:

(Skateboards | Rock 'n' Roll | Video Cameras | Soda Shops | Puffy Vests | Formal Dances)

- 1950s (The Past): _____, _____, _____
- 1980s (The Present): _____, _____, _____



PART 2: WHILE WATCHING

(Answer these as you watch the film)

A. Summary Cloze (Fill in the Blanks)

Use these words to finish the paragraph:

[scientist | 1955 | mother | lightning | car]

Marty McFly is a teenager who travels back in time to the year (1)_____. He drives a DeLorean (2)_____ invented by a mad (3)_____ named Doc Brown. In the past, he accidentally meets his teenage (4)_____ and stops her from meeting his father. To get back home, he needs to use the energy from a (5)_____ bolt.

B. Grammar Spot: "Used To"

Compare 1985 to 1955. Complete the sentences.

1. In 1985 the town is dirty, but in 1955 it **used to be** _____ (clean / dirty).
2. Doc Brown _____ (have) lots of hair in 1955, but now he is bald.
3. George McFly (Marty's dad) _____ (be) afraid of everything.

C. Quick Quiz

Circle the correct answer.

1. What speed must the car reach to travel through time?

- A) 60 mph
- B) 88 mph
- C) 100 mph

2. What happens to Marty's brother and sister in the photo he carries?

- A) They disappear
- B) They turn green
- C) They get older

3. Who is the President of the USA in 1955?

- A) Ronald Reagan
- B) John F. Kennedy
- C) Dwight D. Eisenhower

PART 3: POST-WATCHING

(Complete after the movie finishes)

A. Character Changes

How did the characters change from the start of the movie to the end?

Character	Beginning of Movie	End of Movie
George McFly	Weak, shy, afraid	Confident, successful, brave
Biff Tannen	A mean bully, the boss	
Marty McFly	Worried about his family	



B. Grammar: Second Conditional

Imagine you are in the movie! Complete the sentences.

(If + Past Simple would + Verb)

1. If I had a time machine, I **would go** to...
2. If I met my parents when they were teenagers, I **would**...
3. If I were stuck in the past, I **would**...

C. Creative Writing: "The Warning Letter"

Imagine you are Marty. You have one chance to write a letter to Doc Brown to warn him about the danger in the future. Write 3-4 sentences below.

Dear Doc,

Your friend,

Marty

The Ultimate "Back to the Future" Quiz

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Part 1: Multiple Choice (General Knowledge)

Circle the correct answer.

1. What is the name of the main character?

- A) George McFly B) Marty McFly C) Biff Tannen

2. What type of car is the Time Machine built into?

- A) A Ferrari B) A Ford Mustang C) A DeLorean

3. Which year does Marty travel back to?

- A) 1985 B) 1955 C) 1965

4. What is the name of the Scientist who invents the time machine?

- A) Doctor Who B) Doc Brown C) Professor X

5. To travel through time, the car must reach a speed of:

- A) 60 miles per hour B) 88 miles per hour C) 100 miles per hour

6. What fuel does the time machine need to work initially?

- A) Gasoline B) Solar Power C) Plutonium

7. How does Marty travel back to the future at the end of the movie?

- A) He uses more plutonium B) He uses the energy from a lightning bolt
C) He waits for 30 years

8. What instrument does Marty play at the school dance?

- A) The Piano B) The Drums C) The Electric Guitar

9. Why does Marty's mother in 1955 think his name is "Calvin Klein"?

- A) Because he looks like a model B) Because it is written on his underwear
C) Because he tells her that is his name

10. What happens to the name of the shopping mall at the end of the movie?

- A) It changes from "Twin Pines Mall" to "Lone Pine Mall"
B) It stays the same
C) It closes down

Part 2: True or False (Detail Check)

Mark T for True and F for False.

- 11.** Marty's father, George, is a very confident and brave man at the beginning of the movie. (T / F)
12. Marty accidentally stops his parents from meeting for the first time. (T / F)
13. The "Flux Capacitor" is the device that makes time travel possible. (T / F)
14. Biff Tannen is Marty's best friend in 1955. (T / F)
15. Doc Brown survives the terrorist attack in 1985 because he wore a bulletproof vest. (T / F)
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Part 3: Vocabulary in Context

Match the word from the box to the sentence that describes it.

Bully | Paradox | Gigawatt | Radiation | Destiny

16. A unit of power used to measure electricity (Doc Brown shouts "1.21 _____!").
17. Someone who is aggressive and tries to intimidate others (like Biff). Answer: _____
18. A situation where changing the past creates a problem in the future (Time _____).
19. Something that is meant to happen in the future; your fate. Answer: _____
20. Dangerous energy that comes from Plutonium (Marty wears a yellow suit to protect himself from this). Answer: _____

Part 4: Who Said It? (Quotes)

Match the quote to the character: (**Marty, Doc Brown, Biff, George**).

21. "Great Scott!" Character: _____
22. "Hello? Hello? Anybody home? Think, McFly, think!" Character: _____
23. "I am your density! ...I mean, your destiny." Character: _____
24. "Wait a minute, Doc. Are you telling me you built a time machine... out of a DeLorean?" Character: _____
25. "Roads? Where we're going, we don't need roads." Character: _____

Grammar practice:

1. Reported Speech: "He said that..."

Rewrite the direct quotes from the movie into Reported Speech. Pay attention to tense changes (backshifting).

1. **Doc Brown said:** "I finally invented something that works!"
 - *Reported:* Doc Brown said that he **had finally invented** something that worked.
2. **Marty asked:** "Does it run on ordinary gasoline?"
 - *Reported:* Marty asked if it _____ on ordinary gasoline.
3. **Doc shouted:** "Don't touch that button!"
 - *Reported:* Doc shouted at Marty _____ that button.
4. **Lorraine said:** "I have never seen purple underwear before."
 - *Reported:* Lorraine said that she _____ purple underwear before.

2. The Conditionals Challenge (0, 1, & 2)

Complete the sentences using the correct conditional structure based on the context.

Zero Conditional (General Facts / Rules of Time Travel)

1. If the car **goes** (go) below 88mph, time travel _____ (not / happen).
2. If you **change** (change) the past, you _____ (alter) the future.

First Conditional (Real Future Possibilities)

Context: Marty is worried about the lightning bolt plan.

3. "If the lightning _____ (not / strike) the clock tower, I _____ (be) stuck here forever!"
4. "If I _____ (warn) Doc about the terrorists, maybe he _____ (survive)."

Second Conditional (Hypothetical / Imaginary Situations)

Context: Imagine you are in the movie.

5. If I **had** (have) a sports almanac from the future, I _____ (become) rich.
6. If Marty _____ (not / meet) his parents, he _____ (disappear) from the photo.

3. Relative Clauses: Defining Characters

Join the two sentences using a relative pronoun (**who**, **which**, **whose**, **where**).

1. Doc Brown is a scientist. He invented the time machine.
 - Doc Brown is the scientist **who** invented the time machine.
2. The DeLorean is a car. It can travel through time.
 - The DeLorean is the car _____.
3. 1955 is the year. Marty travels to this year.
 - 1955 is the year _____.
4. Biff is a bully. His car is always covered in manure.
 - Biff is the bully _____.

4. Irregular Verbs: The Story of 1955

Fill in the gaps with the Past Simple form of the irregular verbs in brackets.

When Marty (1. arrive) _____ in 1955, he (2. feel) _____ confused. He (3. go) _____ into a cafe and (4. see) _____ his father, George. George (5. be) _____ too scared to talk to Lorraine. Marty (6. know) _____ he had to help them. He (7. teach) _____ George how to fight, and eventually, George (8. hit) _____ Biff in the face.

5. Passive Voice: Inventions & Events

Rewrite these active sentences into the Passive Voice.

1. **Active:** Doc Brown built the time machine in 1985.
 - **Passive:** The time machine **was built** by Doc Brown in 1985.
 2. **Active:** Libyan terrorists shot Doc Brown.
 - **Passive:** Doc Brown _____.
 3. **Active:** Lightning will strike the clock tower at 10:04 PM.
 - **Passive:** The clock tower _____ at 10:04 PM.
 4. **Active:** Biff stole the sports magazine.
 - **Passive:** The sports magazine _____.
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6. Gerunds vs. Infinitives

Choose the correct form (Verb+ing or To+Verb).

1. Marty enjoys (**playing** / **to play**) the guitar.
2. Doc Brown promised (**helping** / **to help**) Marty return to 1985.
3. Lorraine (Marty's mom) can't help (**falling** / **to fall**) in love with Marty.
4. George decided (**standing** / **to stand**) up to Biff for the first time.
5. Marty avoided (**kissing** / **to kiss**) his mother at the dance.