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# Reading Booklet

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## Back In Time

Preet looked down at the carefully wrapped package that his grandfather had handed him earlier in the day. The sharp edges gave away the contents: a box of some sort. When his grandfather had given it to him, he'd winked and whispered, "Be careful!". Now it was time to see why.

The green paper cascaded to the floor like emerald rain, and soon Preet was holding a small cardboard box in his hands. It was no bigger than two inches on each side. He hurriedly lifted the top open and pulled aside the sheet of tissue paper that covered the contents.

After all the anticipation, Preet's heart sank at what he found. It was a set of four simple metal rings, each one smaller than the other. He picked the outer ring up and realised that the others were connected to it with a tiny pin at the top and bottom. The result was that they all spun inside each other; it reminded him of a Christmas decoration. Still, it wasn't anything to be careful with, as far as he could tell.

Disappointed, Preet threw the ornament to one side and pulled out his laptop to do his homework. Even though it was his birthday, his mother had insisted he got it done and out of the way. It was simple enough - he had to research the extinction of the dinosaurs.

"How much easier would homework be if I could just go back and see it happen?" he muttered under his breath. He was sure he heard something tinkling ever-so quietly when he said it. The sound was soft, like it was travelling a long way, but at the same time it felt like it was right next to him.

Preet looked around for the source of the noise, but he couldn't find anything. Then, it happened again. This time, there was no mistaking where it was coming from. His grandfather's present was glowing with a soft purple light and hovering an inch above his desk. As he watched, the metal rings started to spin, slowly at first but gaining speed with each rotation. Within seconds they were blurred and Preet couldn't make out each individual section.

Purple light filled the room. There was no mistaking now that there was something special about the gift he had been given, but he still wasn't sure what it was. Without another thought, Preet reached out eagerly and touched the spinning ornament. He'd expected it to hurt, or at least to tickle his fingertips. Instead, all he felt was a wet sensation on the back of his neck.

Enormous leaves, each one the size of a small car, hung from trees that twisted and towered above Preet. He spun around, suddenly no longer on his bed but now in a lush, steaming jungle somewhere. The ornament hung like a wind chime from a branch just above his head. He snatched it down and shoved it into his pocket.

Something had happened when he touched the device, and Preet had a sneaking feeling that he wasn't going to like what it was. Far away, though perhaps not far enough, a deep roar shook the trees and made the wet ground shake underfoot. Preet's eyes widened and he felt his heart race. Sweat beaded on his forehead and mixed with the humid air.

Up ahead, the trees soon thinned out to reveal an open area of grassland. Preet slowly made his way forward, trying hard not to lose a shoe in the mud. As he approached the clearing, he stopped in his tracks. There, feasting on the lush greenery, were a herd of dinosaurs. Somehow, the device had heard his wish and taken him back in time. Back to the time of the dinosaurs.





**1**

How does Preet feel before and after he opens the present?

Give two impressions, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

| Impression                                  | Evidence  |
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**2**

Look at the paragraph which begins: *Preet looked around for the source of the noise...*

Complete the table below with **one** piece of evidence from the text to support each statement.

|  | Evidence |
|--|----------|
| Preet had been unsure where the noise came from. |          |
| The rings are magical.                           |          |

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3

What was Preet's homework?

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1 mark

4

Look at the paragraph beginning: *Purple light filled the room.*

Which words would best describe how Preet was feeling at this point?

Tick **two**.

Curious

Bored

Excited

Weary

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2 marks

5

*Sweat beaded on his forehead and mixed with the humid air.*

Which word in this sentence tells you that the atmosphere was damp?

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1 mark

6

*There, feasting on the lush greenery, were a herd of dinosaurs.*

What does **feasting** mean in this sentence?

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1 mark

# SATs Practice - Back In Time

1. Give 1 mark for two correct impressions. Give 1 mark for each correct piece of evidence from the text, up to a maximum of two extra marks.

**Preet is excited to see what the present is**

The green paper cascaded to the floor like emerald rain

He hurriedly lifted the top open

After all the anticipation...

**He was disappointed with what he found**

Preet's heart sank

It wasn't anything to be careful with, as far as he could tell

Disappointed, Preet threw the ornament to one side

2. This time, there was no mistaking where it was coming from.  
It was glowing with a soft purple light, and moving on its own.
3. To research the extinction of the dinosaurs
4. Curious  
Excited
5. Humid
6. Eating (accept synonyms of eating e.g. devouring)