Time Freeze: Chapter 3

Teacher Resource Pack

Online Activities

There are five multiple-choice questions that can be completed using our ready-made 2DIY activity. The children can complete these individually using iPads, computers or laptops or as a group on the whiteboard, like a quiz show. There is a link to the activity at the end of the chapter, which will open the quiz directly.

In the writing activity at the end of the chapter, the children write detailed descriptions of Sid and Petra.

Classroom Activities

There is a range of multiple-choice and open-ended spelling and grammar questions that can be printed and completed in class or as homework.

Comprehension Questions

1. What is the name of the computer game that Sid and Petra play?

   a   Laser Bolts

   b   Space Station Battle Heat

   c   Double Red Force Field

   d   Lead Space Warrior

   e   Mother Ship

2. When does Sid use his fourth time freeze?

   a   at school to look at the spelling bee words

   b   at home in the middle of a computer game

   c   at the dinner table to get more ice cream

   d   on the way home to beat Petra through the door

   e   after dinner to get to the green armchair before
        Petra

3. *"Don't be ridiculous!" I reply, trying to stop my cheeks going red.*
   Empty you pockets," she says.
   Why do Sid's cheeks go red?

   a   he is telling lies

   b   he is feeling hot

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   d   he is out of breath

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4. Sid wants to win the spelling bee. What is his plan?

   a   to freeze time and look at the answer cards

   b   to freeze time and look up the words online

   c   to freeze time and lock his opponents in another room

   d   to freeze time and look up words in a hidden dictionary

   e   to freeze time and take the list of words from the organiser

5. *"Fine," she says, "but I'm onto you Sid." She storms out of the room.*

   What does the phrase, *storms out of the room*, tell you about the way Petra left the room?

   a   she skipped out merrily

   b   she left quietly

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   d   she retreated gingerly

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Chapter Sequencing

Put these events in the order in which they happened in the story, numbering them from 1 to 5. The first one has been done for you.

Event	Order
Sid came up with a cunning plan to win the spelling bee.	
Mr Clifton choose five children to compete in the spelling bee at the town hall.	1
Sid and Petra played a computer game that they both liked.	
Sid used his time freezing gadget for the fourth time.	
Sid was disinterested in the spelling bee until he heard more details about the competition.	

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

1. Circle the correct spellings to complete the sentences below.

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    gadget during a computer game. Petra's invation/invazion/invasion
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2. The words in the box are homophones. Write two sentences to show
    that you understand the difference between the two words.

    their   there

    a) _____

    b) _____

3. For each sentence, put a tick to show whether it has been written in
    the present perfect tense, or the simple past tense.

Sentence	Present perfect tense	Simple past tense
Petra has nearly beaten Sid at a computer game.		
Sid activated his time freeze gadget.		
Mum has warned the twins not to lose their tempers or scream at each other.		

4. Write a **pronoun** that could replace the underlined words in the sentence below.

Each afternoon the twin's mother would warn <u>the twins</u> not to argue and shout at each other.

5. Look at the sentences below. Add a comma after each **fronted adverbial**.

After school the twins decide to play a computer game.
Initially the game gets off to a good start.
Feeling annoyed that he is being defeated Sid decides to take drastic action.

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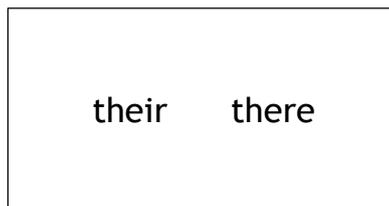| Event	Number
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   a) **The twins are playing their favourite computer game.**
   b) **There is only one time freeze left on Sid's gadget.**

   Accept other answers that are grammatically correct.

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Open-Ended Questions

1. Which five children were chosen to take part in the spelling bee?

2. At first, Sid thought that the spelling bee was stupid. He quickly changed his mind. What made him want to win the spelling bee?

3. Why was Sid so determined to beat his sister at the computer game?

4. *I will eat a dictionary if necessary. And then a though parachutes into my head.*

   What do you think the author meant when he said the thought arrived by parachute?

5. Why do you think that Petra has been able to guess that Sid has a secret gadget?

Purple Mash Extended Writing Exercise

Although Sid and Petra are twins, they have very

interests. Do they have any similarities?

Use the template to compare and contrast Sid with Petra.