

FLEYDO ENGLISH SCHOOL

A1 Level | Teens (11-16) | Reading

The Time-Travel Phone

A mysterious phone takes you back to last night.

Can you fix your mistake and save your friendship?

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Chapter 1 — The Worst Night

Nadia makes a big mistake at her best friend's birthday party

Nadia is fifteen years old. She has long dark hair and brown eyes. She lives with her mum and her older brother Karim in a small flat near the **city centre**. Nadia is usually a happy girl, but tonight she is very sad.

Tonight is her best friend Sara's **birthday party**. Sara is sixteen today. The party is at Sara's house. There is music, cake, and all their friends are there.

But something goes **wrong**.

Sara shows everyone a new **necklace**. It is a present from her grandmother. It is gold and very **special**.

"It is beautiful!" Nadia says. She picks it up to look at it. But her hands are wet from her drink. The necklace **slips** and falls on the floor. The gold chain breaks into two pieces.

The room goes **silent**.

"My grandmother's necklace!" Sara cries. Her eyes fill with tears. "Nadia! How can you be so **careless**?"

"I am so sorry, Sara! It is an **accident**!" Nadia says.

But Sara is too **upset**. She runs to her room. The party is over.

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Chapter 2 — The Old Phone

Nadia finds something very unusual in a box

Nadia walks home alone. It is dark and cold. She feels terrible. Sara is her best friend since they are five years old. Now Sara does not want to talk to her.

At home, Karim is in the living room. "How is the party?" he asks.

"Bad," Nadia says. She tells him everything.

"That is **unlucky**," Karim says. "But accidents happen. Sara will **forgive** you."

"I do not think so," Nadia says sadly.

She goes to her room. She cannot sleep. She looks at old **photos** of her and Sara on her phone. She cries.

Then she **remembers** something. Last week, Karim brings home a box of old things from a **car boot sale**. "There are some old phones in there," he says.

Nadia opens the box. Inside there are three old phones. Two are normal. But the third one is different. It is small and silver with a **crack** on the screen. On the back, someone writes the words "LAST NIGHT" in small letters.

She presses the **button** on the side. The **screen** lights up. It shows one thing: a clock. The time says 23:59. Under the clock, there is one button. It says: "GO BACK TO LAST NIGHT."

The button **glows** gold. Nadia thinks about Sara. She thinks about the broken necklace.

She presses the button.

The room goes dark. Everything **spins**. She closes her eyes. When she opens them, she is standing outside Sara's house. It is evening. The time says 19:00. Saturday evening.

"I am back at the party," Nadia whispers. "Before everything goes wrong."

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Chapter 3 — The Second Chance

Nadia tries to change what happens

Nadia walks into the party. Everything is the same as before. Sara wears the same blue dress.

"Nadia! You are here!" Sara says. She **hugs** Nadia.

"Happy birthday, Sara," Nadia says. Her voice shakes a little. She knows what will happen later.

The party is fun. They dance. They eat **pizza** and cake. But Nadia watches the **clock** on the wall. At 20:30, Sara will show the necklace. Nadia has to be **ready**.

At 20:25, Sara goes to her room. Nadia follows her.

"Before you show the necklace to everyone... can I see it first? Just you and me?" Nadia asks.

Sara opens a small **jewellery box** and takes out the necklace. It is beautiful. Gold, with a small blue stone.

"Your grandmother has good **taste**," Nadia says.

This time, Nadia does not pick up the necklace. She keeps her hands at her sides.

"It is so beautiful, Sara. It is very **precious**."

Sara puts the necklace back. "Maybe I will not let anyone **touch** it. It is too precious."

"That is a very good idea," Nadia says quickly.

At 20:30, Sara shows the necklace. But this time she holds it **carefully**. Nobody touches it. The necklace is safe.

Nadia feels a huge **wave** of happiness. She fixes her mistake.

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Chapter 4 — Back to the Present

Nadia returns to her own time

At 22:00, the party ends. Nadia says goodbye to Sara.

"Thank you for coming, Nadia. You are my best friend," Sara says.

Nadia walks home. In her **pocket**, the silver phone feels warm. She takes it out. The screen shows one word: "DONE." Then the phone is **dead**. It does not work any more.

When Nadia wakes up on Sunday morning, there is a **message** from Sara: "Thank you for the best birthday ever!"

But is it **real**? Or is it a **dream**?

Karim looks **confused** when she asks about the box. "What box? I do not go to any car boot sale." She looks **everywhere**. The box is gone. The phone is gone. No **evidence**.

"Some things you cannot **explain**," Nadia thinks. "And maybe that is okay."

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Chapter 5 — Monday at School

Nadia learns something important

On Monday, Nadia sees Sara in the **corridor**. Sara smiles and shows the gold necklace. She is wearing it.

In English class, Mrs Okonkwo asks: "If you can go back to **yesterday**, what do you change?"

Nadia raises her hand. "I think the most important thing is not to go back. The most important thing is to **learn** from our mistakes and be more careful next time."

"That is a very **wise** answer, Nadia," Mrs Okonkwo says.

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Chapter 6 — The Phone Comes Back

One last surprise

After school, Nadia passes an old **charity shop** on King Street. In the window: a small silver phone with a crack on the screen.

Inside, the old woman behind the **counter** smiles. "It **appears** this morning. Nobody brings it. It is just... there."

"How much is it?" Nadia asks.

"It is not for sale. It is for you," the old woman says. "This phone finds the person who needs it. And when you do not need it, it finds someone new."

Nadia takes the phone. She puts it in her pocket. She does not need it today. But it is nice to know it is there — just in case.

"We all make mistakes. The important thing is what we do next." — Mrs Okonkwo

Vocabulary List

46 key words from the story

City centre — The middle part of a city

Birthday party — A celebration on the day someone was born

Wrong — Not correct; bad

Necklace — Jewellery you wear around your neck

Special — Important and not ordinary

Slips — Moves out of your hands accidentally

Silent — Completely quiet; no sound

Careless — Not paying attention

Accident — Something bad that happens without planning

Upset — Unhappy and sad

Unlucky — Having bad luck

Forgive — Stop being angry with someone

Photos — Pictures taken with a camera

Remembers — Thinks about something from the past

Car boot sale — An outdoor market where people sell from cars

Crack — A thin line where something is broken

Button — A small thing you press to make it work

Screen — The part of a phone where you see things

Glows — Gives a soft, warm light

Spins — Turns around very fast

Hugs — Puts arms around someone to show love

Pizza — Flat bread with cheese on top

Clock — Shows the time on a wall

Ready — Prepared; able to act

Jewellery box — A small box for necklaces and rings

Taste — The ability to choose nice things

Precious — Very valuable; do not want to lose it

Touch — Put your hand on something

Carefully — With a lot of attention

Wave — A sudden strong feeling

Pocket — A small bag in your clothes

Dead — Not working; no power

Message — Words sent on a phone

Real — True; actually happening

Dream — Pictures in your head when you sleep

Confused — Not understanding

Everywhere — In every place

Evidence — Something that proves what happened

Explain — Tell someone why

Corridor — A long space for walking in a building

Yesterday — The day before today

Learn — Get knowledge or a new skill

Wise — Smart about life

Charity shop — A shop selling used things for charity

Counter — The table in a shop where you pay

Appears — Suddenly shows up

Grammar Points

Key grammar structures from the story

Present simple for routines and facts

Nadia lives with her mum and her brother. / Sara shows everyone a new necklace.

Past simple for story events

She pressed the button. / The room went dark. / Nadia walked home alone.

Can / can't for ability

I can try. / It cannot be real. / Can I see it first?

Time expressions

last night, yesterday, this morning, next time, at 20:30, on Monday

Direct speech for conversations

'I am so sorry!' Nadia says. / 'How is the party?' he asks.

Vocabulary Matching

Draw a line from each word to its correct definition

1. Necklace	_____	a) Completely quiet
2. Silent	_____	b) Stop being angry with someone
3. Careless	_____	c) Jewellery worn around the neck
4. Accident	_____	d) Very valuable and important
5. Forgive	_____	e) Not paying attention
6. Glows	_____	f) Gives a soft warm light
7. Precious	_____	g) With a lot of attention
8. Carefully	_____	h) Something bad that happens by chance
9. Message	_____	i) Words sent on a phone
10. Dream	_____	j) Pictures in your head when you sleep
11. Evidence	_____	k) Something that proves what happened
12. Wise	_____	l) Smart about life

Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct word from the word bank

Word Bank: necklace | silent | accident | upset | crack | glows | spins | carefully | message | wise

1. Sara gets a gold _____ from her grandmother for her birthday.
2. The room goes _____ when the necklace breaks.
3. Nadia says, "It is an _____! I am so sorry!"
4. Sara is too _____ to talk to Nadia after the party.
5. The old silver phone has a _____ on the screen.
6. The button on the phone _____ gold in the dark.
7. Nadia presses the button and everything _____ around her.
8. This time, Sara holds the necklace very _____.
9. On Sunday morning, Sara sends Nadia a happy _____.
10. Mrs Okonkwo says Nadia's answer is very _____.

Comprehension Quiz

Choose the best answer (circle A, B, C, or D)

1. What breaks at Sara's birthday party?

- A) A glass
- B) Sara's phone
- C) Her grandmother's gold necklace
- D) A window

2. Why does the necklace fall from Nadia's hands?

- A) Sara pushes her
- B) Her hands are wet
- C) The necklace is too heavy
- D) She throws it

3. What does Nadia find in the box of old phones?

- A) A normal phone
- B) A silver phone with 'LAST NIGHT' on the back
- C) A new smartphone
- D) A letter

4. What happens when Nadia presses the gold button?

- A) The phone calls someone
- B) Nothing happens
- C) She travels back to the previous evening
- D) The phone breaks

5. How does Nadia stop the necklace from breaking?

- A) She hides the necklace
- B) She does not pick it up this time
- C) She tells Sara not to show it

D) She breaks something else

6. What does Sara's message say on Sunday morning?

- A) 'I am angry'
- B) 'Thank you for the best birthday ever!'
- C) 'Buy me a new necklace'
- D) 'Where is my phone?'

7. What happens to the silver phone after Nadia uses it?

- A) It becomes new
- B) It stops working
- C) It calls someone
- D) It plays music

8. What does Karim remember about the box?

- A) He sells them
- B) He gives them to Nadia
- C) He does not remember any box
- D) He breaks them

9. Where does Nadia see the silver phone again?

- A) At school
- B) In Karim's room
- C) In a charity shop window
- D) At Sara's house

10. What is the main message of the story?

- A) Old phones are valuable
- B) Never go to parties
- C) We learn from our mistakes and that is what matters
- D) Time travel is easy

Answer Key

Vocabulary Matching: 1-c | 2-a | 3-e | 4-h | 5-b | 6-f | 7-d | 8-g | 9-i | 10-j | 11-k | 12-l

Fill in the Blanks: 1. necklace | 2. silent | 3. accident | 4. upset | 5. crack | 6. glows | 7. spins | 8. carefully | 9. message | 10. wise

Comprehension Quiz: 1. C | 2. B | 3. B | 4. C | 5. B | 6. B | 7. B | 8. C | 9. C | 10. C

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