

## Lesson 4 The Time Machine

“The **Time Machine**” was written by H. G. Wells, a very famous British **science fiction** writer in 1895. In this **novel**, there is a **scientist nicknamed** “The Time **Traveler**” in London. He **invents** a machine which he uses to **travel** to any time. So, one day, he travels to Year 802701. Once there, he sees that **human beings** are not very **intelligent**. They live a very **simple** life and there is no **war**. The Time Traveler does not like what he sees and **decides** to travel further in time. So he travels all the way to 30 **million** years later. By then, the earth has stopped **rotating**. The sun is not **moving**. No human beings can be seen. It is a very sad scene. Still, the Time Traveler travels further in time and the earth becomes covered with **lichen** and the only **animals which** he can see are **strange** looking ones. Then The Time Traveler comes back to the **original** time. His friends find him **missing** only for three hours. They do not believe his story. One day, The Time Traveler goes off again in the time machine and never comes back. No one knows where he stays.

This novel has been **adapted** into many movies. In the movies, people travel back in time, so we see how **ancient** people lived. This novel shows what H. G. Wells thought about the **future** of human beings. It was not a good future.

### Vocabulary

adapt 改編  
ancient 古代的  
animal 動物  
cover 蓋  
decide 決定  
fiction 小說  
future 未來  
human beings 人類  
intelligent 聰明,有智慧  
invent 發明  
lichen 青苔  
machine 機器  
million 一百萬  
missing 不見了  
move 移動,動  
nickname 小名

novel 小說  
original 原來的  
rotate 旋轉  
sad 悲哀  
science 科學  
scientist 科學家  
simple 簡單  
strange 奇怪的  
time 時間  
travel 旅行  
traveler 旅行者  
war 戰爭

### **More Sentences**

1. Time flies.
2. This is only a fiction.
3. He is a good scientist.
4. His nickname is Superman.
5. Edison invented the electrical bulb.
6. He is the student who is very good in singing.
7. This is the house which I like very much.
8. He is the person whom everyone likes.
9. The Wright brothers invented the airplane.
10. I never traveled to England.
11. He is very intelligent.
12. This problem is a simple one.
13. Wars always hurt human beings.
14. We should hate wars.
15. The earth rotates around the sun.
16. This is a strange story.
17. He is really strange.
18. In the original story, the ending is a happy one.
19. Many novels have been adapted into plays and movies.
20. This is an ancient city.
21. There will not be too much natural resources for us to use in the future.
22. We must look into the future.
23. There is no future for many children in Africa.
24. I have decided to become an actor

## Points of Grammar To Be Noted

1. there is a scientist, 在這裡,“there is” 是”有”的意思. 你們千萬不能用”there has”. 屋子裡有一只貓,應該是 “There is a cat in the house.”, 而不是”There has a cat in the house.”.

2. He **invents** a machine which he uses  
我們一定在此用”which”, 很多同學忘了用 which, who 等等.

以下的句子都是錯的:

\*It is not a story we all know.

\*He is not the one came to my house.

正確的句子是

It is not a story which we all know.

He is not the one who came to my house.

有時,“who” 是不能用的,必需用”whom”.,如

He is the student **whom** everyone likes.

3. They live a very simple life and there is no war.  
這個句子中,”and”是必需的.

很多人會寫以下錯誤的句子:

\*It is raining now, it is also cold.

\*He is very clever, he also works hard.

正確的句子是

It is raining now and it is cold.

He is very clever and he also works hard.

4. becomes covered with lichen  
“covered” 是一個過去分詞,用作形容詞

5. This novel has been adapted  
這句話是被動語氣,而且是現在進行式,有”已經”的意思.

例子:

This book has been printed four times already.  
We have never been seen by any one.

### **Translate the Following into English**

1. 瓦特(Watt)發明蒸汽機(steam engine).
2. 蒸汽機是瓦特發明的.
3. 這是我所喜愛的電影.
4. 他是那位人人喜愛的學生.
5. 這是事實,不是小說.
6. 我喜歡看科幻小說.
7. 我不喜歡看科幻小說.
8. 我從小就喜歡看科幻小說.
9. 我過去不喜歡看科幻小說.,現在喜歡了.
10. 你去年到英國去旅行嗎?
11. 他是個聰明的孩子.
12. 他不聰明,但很用功(work hard)
13. 只有人類會發動戰爭.
14. 少數人發動戰爭,但多數人受苦.
15. 月亮繞地球旋轉.
16. 他看上去有些奇怪.
17. 他是個怪人.
18. 在原始的故事中,公主和王子結婚了.
19. 這是個古老的表.
20. 他的前途非常光明.

### **Correct the Following Mistakes**

1. He invents this kind of radio long time ago.
2. This engine does not be invented by him.
3. This is the book I like very much.
4. He is not the boy everyone likes.
5. I do not like to read books when I was a child.
6. I not like movies.
7. He has not liked movies when he was a child.
8. Do you travel to England last year?
9. Only human beings started the wars.
10. The sun rotated around the earth.