



Travelling through time

BULGARIA

Break between classes. As usual we organized a battle with paper balls (we make them from sheets of paper we have torn from our notebooks or those we don't need any more...). For some reason one of the boys decided to check one of the balls. And he called all of us to see what he has found. It was a scheme of a time-machine. So exciting! We decided to build the machine and to make a trip through time.

Unfortunately we could not understand anything – it was written in a language we didn't know. At first we wondered who could we ask to help; then somebody suggested there might be a book that would help to understand the scheme and explanations.

After classes we went to the library and started our search. On the furthest shelf with dusty old books we found what we needed: "How to build a time-machine – easy to follow instructions". But in the book there was only one sentence: "To read the instructions go to the river bank and wait for the sunset, but for the trip you will have to wait for the full moon to rise".

Next day we had all the instructions read, we found an old man living at the end of our street (he was a clock master) who helped us to understand the scheme and to build the machine.

It will be a full moon tonight. We will turn on the machine...

But where we will find ourselves?

TURKEY

We found ourselves in Paris in the year 2200. We looked around to understand where we were. We saw that the dresses the people wearing are quite interesting. The people were wearing different hats and clothes. We started to walk in the city. There were no trees in the city and there were buildings everywhere. The traffic was so crowded that there were some flying cars in the city. The most important thing - there was no water anywhere. How could the World change like this, we wondered....

PORTUGAL

We moved through the middle of the city, hoping to find someone to explain us what was going on that place. When we reached a large square, near the Eiffel Tower (which still existed), we saw a girl sitting on a bench and reading a digital book on her wristwatch.

- Hello, can we interrupt the reading? - we asked.

The girl, dressed in strange clothes and exuberantly makeup, looked at us suspiciously from head to toes and answered in a strange language, but somehow we could understand:

- Of course, you can. What do you want?

- Why there're no trees, no water, and all nature has been destroyed in this city? - we asked in astonishment.

She looked at us and it was obvious that she did not understand what we were talking about !!

In that moment, we showed her a book, in paper, with images of nature: rivers, seas, forests, gardens, fountains, plants and animals. She opened her eyes in amazement...

ITALY

It was obvious that she didn't know what we were talking about. We wondered how this was possible... never seen the sea, the forest, the nature and all beautiful elements of Earth! All things that are “normal “ in our lives in our time and now they are not here anymore...

Things, so normal for us, that we let them to be destroyed by others in the future?

We were shocked in realizing all that.

As soon as we came back to the reality of this future new world, one of us asked the girl:

- How do you find water, oxygen and plants?

The girl gave us the most unexpected answer:

- We buy them at the Research Centre of Past Time using our tablets.

She explained also that in this Centre they are researching the way to live without those elements.....

LATVIA

We were surprised even more!

- If you buy air, water and plants via tablets, where do you get ingredients for producing these tablets?

The girl replied merrily:

- We have got a special machine that makes it all. We only have to find some ingredients that are not so easy to get.

One of us scratched the head and said:

- I see...

We went away without any idea how it was possible...

SPAIN

Also, the question of How does the food grow? If there is no oxygen or water...

Suddenly one of us, nudged the smallest one, noticed a old man sitting on another bench. He looked like the oldest man in the world.

We hoped that this gentleman could remember something of the past, beyond when there were no trees, oxygen was bought and there were supermarkets in the streets.

- Good morning Sir, - we greeted him. - Can we ask you a few questions?

The old man nodded slowly.

- Do you remember the time when there were trees in the cities and oxygen floating around us?

- My little ones - said the gentleman with broken voice. - How could one forget that fascinating time when the nature was the centre of our universe; when you could smell the flowers, take the fruits of the trees, swim in the lakes... A magic time with explosion of colours and scents... - The old man sounded sad; he made a sigh and continued: - All that disappeared in just a few years - the humans being destroyed everything and today there is not even a green leaf on this planet.

We were saddened after that conversation with the old man. We thought the Future is fantastic and we were so eager to find ourselves in the Future, but now.... We could not imagine our life without the fall of the leaves in autumn, the explosion of the flowers in spring, the herbs grazing in the woods... We felt so sad. We wanted to return back to our time when the paper balls were thrown at recess and when we could see the sunset from the high hill in the city.

And we entered the time machine heading back...

The End