

Back to the Future, Chapter 9: 10:04 P.M.

Vocabulary

Without using the textbook, look at the following lines with a partner. Can you remember who said them? If you can't remember, try to guess. What are they talking about?

- a) **Damn!** (p. 138)
- b) Do you have no **concept of time**? (p. 138)
- c) You think I'm going back in that, that **zoot suit**? (p. 138)
- d) ... the old man **really came through**. (p.138)
- e) He **laid out** Biff. (p. 138)
- f) I didn't know he **had it in him**. (p.138)
- g) He's never **stood up to** Biff in his life. (p.138)
- h) ... you **hit the gas**. (p.138)
- i) **What's the meaning of this**? (p.140)
- j) **Great Scott!** (p. 140)
- k) This time! **Come on!** Please. Please! Come on! (p. 144)

Complete the following sentences with the underlined words or phrases from above. Change the form of the words, or replace portions so that they work well (do → did, me → him, etc.)

1. This is embarrassing! The only way I'll wear this _____ is on Halloween.
2. Why don't you _____ that big bully and K.O. him for me?
3. The Devil plans to ____ his followers to hell.
4. _____ I never thought such a surprising thing could be possible.
5. He disappeared from sight only a moment or two after he _____.
6. Don't keep me waiting any longer. This is your last chance. _____
7. When you talk about courage, you can be sure that heroes _____.
8. The firemen _____ as the fire approached their town.
9. Could someone please tell me what's going on? _____?
10. Late again? Do you know what's wrong with you? You have _____.
11. If a person _____ another for something or someone he believes in, he deserves to be respected and admired.

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Content

1. What didn't Marty think his dad had in him?
2. What will Doc find out in thirty years?
3. Marty tells Doc to "Take it up". *What* must Doc take up?
4. Why was Marty late to meet Doc?
5. Why does Marty say, "I got all the time I want."?
6. What does Marty try to tell Doc straight out?
7. Why does Doc want to send Marty back to the exact time as he left?
8. What things has Doc calculated precisely before the car can move?
9. When does Doc say everything will be fine?

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Discussion

1. Marty wore a zoot suit. Give hints to the class of what kind of costume some super heroes or bad guys are famous for wearing. Students should try to guess who the character is. Example: My costume is red and blue. My cape is red. I can fly. I wear one letter of the English alphabet on my chest. Who am I?
2. In which movies have you heard the word “Damn” being used? (e.g., Gone With the Wind).
3. Marty says “Don’t stall” to the car. Some other things that can stall are animals like donkeys and people, like politicians. Can you explain how they do this?
4. English speakers often speak straight out, while the Japanese prefer to hold in their true feelings. On which occasions do you think it would be best to behave?
5. Have you ever torn up a letter or stopped sending an email to someone? If so, was it the right decision to make? Please explain.
6. Doc says, “Where is that kid?” We know that a child’s age is from one year old to twelve, and teenage years are from thirteen to nineteen. What do you think the ages are for middle-aged people? When does old age begin? Why?
7. Doc says to Marty, “I warned you about this.” What are some warnings that you (or someone you know) has been warned about?

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2. Why don't you **lay out** that big bully and K.O. him for me?
3. The Devil plans to **damn** his followers to hell.
4. **Great Scott!** I never thought such a surprising thing could be possible.
5. He disappeared from sight only a moment or two after he **hit the gas**.
6. Don't keep me waiting any longer. This is your last chance. **Come on!**
7. When you talk about courage, you can be sure that heroes **have it in them**.
8. The firemen **really came through** as the fire approached their town.
9. Could someone please tell me what's going on? **What's the meaning of this?**
10. Late again? Do you know what's wrong with you? You have **no concept of time**.
11. If a person **stands up to** another for something or someone he believes in, he deserves to be respected and admired.

Content (Answers)

1. He didn't think his dad had it in him, (that is: the guts, determination, courage) to challenge Biff because he never stood up to Biff in his life.
2. Doc will find out such things as he was the one who invented the time machine and was killed by terrorists.
3. Doc must take up the cable (wire) and connect it.
4. He was late because he had to change his clothes.
5. He says this because he has a time machine.
6. Marty tries to tell Doc about what is going to happen to him in about thirty years.
7. He wants to send Marty back to the exact time as he left because it will be as if Marty never left.
8. Doc has calculated the precise distance, taking into the account the acceleration speed and wind resistance retroactive from the moment the lightning strikes.
9. He says everything will be fine as long as Marty hits the wire with the connecting hook at precisely eighty-eight miles an hour.