About Time

THE MOVE TO LONDON

TEACHER'S PACK (COMPREHENSION – VOCABULARY – DISCUSSION – SCRIPT)

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SOURCE

The video is available at:

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Before | PREVIEW QUESTIONS

Tim is going to move in with his father's friend, whom he has never met before. What do you think will happen?

Before | LANGUAGE PREVIEW

Directions: Read the sentence and try to guess the meaning of the underlined words.

- 1. She was able to get a job at the firm because of her **family connections**.
- 2. He spends his days lawyering and his night drinking.
- 3. She is just **putting the finishing touches** on her new novel. It should be finished soon.
- 4. It is a real thrill to meet you.
- 5. Many people think she is a sarcastic cow, but she is actually quite lovely.
- 6. My father was a playwright, and my mother was an actor.
- 7. We have had very little success on that score.

Before | BACKGROUND







Tim

Harry

Rory

- Tim has the ability to travel back in time.
- He has recently graduated from university and has just moved to London.

During | **GIST QUESTIONS**

Directions: While you watch the video, think about these questions.

- 1. What is Tim's most important life goal?
- 2. What do we learn about Harry and his family in this clip?

After | COMPREHENSION

Directions: After you watch the video, decide if each of these statements is true or false.

- 1. **T / F** Tim hopes to find a girlfriend in London.
- 2. **T / F** Harry is an actor.
- 3. **T / F** Harry was expecting Tim to arrive.
- 4. **T / F** Tim interrupted Harry's work.
- 5. **T / F** Harry thinks that Tim's mom is beautiful.
- 6. **T / F** Harry and Tim's father were best friends.
- 7. **T / F** Harry thinks that his ex-wife is a terrible person.
- 8. **T / F** Harry tells Tim not to have sex in the house.
- 9. **T / F** Harry is very proud of his daughter.
- 10. **T / F** Very few women work at Tim's law firm.
- 11. **T / F** Rory doesn't seem to like Tim.
- 12. **T / F** Rory has worked at the law firm for two years.
- 13. **T / F** Harry has almost finished writing his play.

After | **STORY ORDER**

Directions: Cut these up into strips. After students have watched the video one time, ask them to put the story back together in the correct order. Let them watch the video again to check the order.

Tim takes the train to London.
Tim introduces himself to Harry.
Harry screams and then welcomes Tim into his home.
Harry asks Tim about his family.
Harry describes his wife to Tim.
Harry shows Tim his room.
Harry talks about his daughter.
Tim meets Rory.
One of the lawyers calls Rory Rodger.
Tim spends six months living a lonely life with Harry.

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After | LANGUAGE REVIEW & DISCUSSION

- 1. Describe Harry his appearance and his personality. Do you like him? Why?
- 2. What do we learn about Harry and his family?
- 3. Harry says that he doesn't like Tim's father, but he still lets Tim live with him. Why do you think Harry lets Tim move in?
- 4. Tim seems very unpopular with women. Is he handsome? Is he attractive? Why do you think he can't find a girlfriend? What advice would you give him?
- 5. Do you think you would enjoy living with Harry? What would be the best and worst aspects?
- 6. Have you ever used any **family connections** to get a job? Has someone at your company used **family connections** to get their job? How did you feel about it?
- 7. What has been the biggest **thrill** of your life so far?

During | **SCRIPT**

Directions: Watch the video again and fill in the missing language.

Tim: I caught the train to London in search of a future and a girlfriend. I was staying in St.

John's Wood near Abbey Road with 1) _____ friend of my dad's called Harry.

It's always nice to have 2) _____ when you're a new kid in town.

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Harry: What 3) _____ do you want?

Tim: I'm James's son.

Harry: Who?

Tim: James Lake.

Harry: What about him?

Tim: He said you had a room.

Harry: Go in there and wait quietly. I mean it. Don't make a sound, or I'll kill you.

Harry: I was actually having the first good idea I've had for a decade when you rang on the

doorbell, but now it's gone, you little shit!

Harry: How's your dad? Weird cockeyed of a sort. Something weird about him.

Tim: Really?

Harry: Yeah, I never really liked him actually. Your mum still look like Andy Warhol?

Tim: What?

Harry: That, by the way, is my wife.

Tim: Oh nice.

Harry: Yeah, you wouldn't like her at first, 4) _____ cow. But eventually you'd realize

that she's the best human being in the world, which is why she left me, of course.

Here you go. Try not to make too much noise, particularly when having sex.

Tim: No chance of that.

Harry: Oh Christ! Two losers in one house. That is my daughter. Have sex with her if

you like. Apparently everyone else has.

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Tim:	It wasn't a hopeful setup for romance, and the work didn't help 5) either. The world of law seems to be entirely full of men.
	Tim: Hello.
Rory:	I'm Rory. Very pleased to meet you. A real 6) Who knows? We might become pals, etc
Man:	Who 7) are you?
Tim:	Tim Lake.
Man:	Well, I hope you're better than this clown. Come on, Roger.
Rory:	Oh, it's Rory actually. I've been here a year and a half. I'm just saying that to be nice It's two years actually.
Tim:	So six lonely months went by, and it was still just me and Harry. Me 8) every hour of the day and night, and him putting 9) to his new play.
Tim:	No matter how many girls there were in the world, I always seemed to end up with Rory.
Rory:	Hello.

After | SUMMARY

Directions: Write sentences about the video clip using the words given. You can change the word form or add words, but you cannot change the word order. Use present tense.

- 1. Harry / be / friend / Tim / dad
- 2. Harry / not / seem / be / expect / Tim / when / he / arrive / door
- 3. Harry / seem / very / unhappy / see / Tim / but / he / welcome / Tim / home / all / same
- 4. Harry / tell / Tim / he / never / really / like / father
- 5. Harry / say / wife / best / human / being / world / which / why / she / leave / him
- 6. Harry / polite / ask / Tim / not / make / too / much / noise / when / he / have / sex
- 7. Harry / realize / they / both / loser / when / Tim / tell / him / not / worry
- 8. Tim / lament / world / law / most / full / men
- 9. when / Tim / walk / office / he / meet / Rory
- 10. although / Rory / work / law / firm / two / year / senior / lawyer / still / not / know / name
- 11. Tim / spend / six / lonely / month / live / Harry

After | **ANSWERS**

COMPREHENSION

1. T 2.F 3.F 4.T 5.F 6.F 7.F 8.F 9.F 10.T 11.F 12.T 13.T

SCRIPT

- 1) a playwright 2) family connections 3) the fuck 4) sarcastic 5) on that score 6) thrill 7) the hell
- 8) lawyering 9) the finishing touches

SUMMARY

- Harry is a friend of Tim's dad.
- 2. Harry doesn't seem to be expecting Tim when he arrives at [the/his] door.
- 3. Harry seems very unhappy to see Tim, but he welcomes Tim into his home all the same.
- 4. Harry tells Tim (that) he never really liked his father.
- 5. Harry says (that) his wife is the best human being in the world, which is why she left him.
- 6. Harry politely asks Tim not to make too much noise when he [is having/has] sex.
- 7. Harry realizes (that) they are both losers when Tim tells him not to worry.
- 8. Tim laments (that) the world of law is mostly full of men.
- 9. When Tim walks into [the/his] office, he meets Rory.
- 10. Although Rory has been working at the law firm for two years, the senior lawyer still doesn't know his name.

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11. Tim spends six lonely months living with Harry.

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