“Imagine someone - a child, a future archaeologist, or even an alien being - unearthing your time capsule in 100 years, 1,000 years, or 1,000,000 years from now. Consider the sensation that will cause: "Ancient Artefacts from the 21st Century Found in Buried Time Capsule". These future people will study your trinkets from the past - a crumbling newspaper, a penny, your birthday photo, a lock of your hair - and they will learn that little bit more about us. Leave your mark on the future. Be a part of History. Bury a time capsule.”

Adapted from an online advert for Time Capsules

**TASK 1:** Read the passage above carefully and answer the questions . . .

1. Who does the advert suggest may discover your time capsule?
2. Why does the advert use the word ‘sensation’?
3. Name four examples of ‘trinkets’ these future people will study
   How does the advert suggest your time capsule may benefit those in the future?

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**TIME CAPSULE TIPS**

**Tip #1** - Make sure books and documentation printed on the highest quality paper. Newspapers and similar low quality paper items are highly acidic and quickly **deteriorate** as well as contribute to the **deterioration** of other items in the capsule. Newspapers should be photocopied onto archival quality paper to insure **longevity**.

**Tip #2** - Photographs are wonderful information carriers across time and culture. Black and white photos are much more **stable** than colour prints.

**Tip #3** - Select a container that is non-rusting, leak proof, and **durable**. Polypropylene, aluminium, and stainless steel are currently considered as acceptable capsule structure materials.

**Tip #4** - Include items that do not require any technology or equipment other than the eye and hand to use. Today’s computer discs and similar electronic media will not be playable in the future.

**Tip #5** - Document the time capsule. Label the outside of the capsule clearly using a permanent marker;

**Tip #6** - Avoid plastics. The aging characteristics of some plastics are not good and others are not truly known, these materials cannot be counted upon to survive in their original form. This problem is **compounded** if your information is stored on a plastic object (as with CDs, disks or video tapes).

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**GLOSSARY**

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TASK 2: Read the ‘Time Capsule Tips’ and complete the questions below
More detail = higher marks!

1. The school newsletter has asked you to make a brief ‘guide to time capsules’.

Your readers will be a mixture of children and adults - in about 100 words explain:
• The purpose of burying a capsule
• The most suitable things to include
• Why newspapers are great, but cannot just be easily included
• Why certain things cannot be included
• Your personal advice and tips

2. You have been asked to put your future predictions into your time capsule.

These are your ideas and thoughts - guessing what the future may be like... Write two paragraphs describing your ideas - what will it be like in 100 years time?

3. Write a letter to your ‘yet-to-be-born’ relatives.

This will be included in your time capsule, and will be discovered by your relatives in the future - tell them about yourself, who you are and what you are like!

4. You have been asked to help design a web page selling Time Capsules. Your task is to create a persuasive piece of writing - persuading people to buy a time capsule!

You need to have an interesting and exciting introduction - what’s the point of a time capsule? Then explain what your time capsule offers (you’ll have to make this up - perhaps yours will be top quality, or good value). Finally, you finish off by putting forward the idea that your time capsules are the best ones to buy. Use the advert on the first side for ideas...

Remember to always include interesting detail - you don’t want to bore those in the future!