

# ENGLISH

## Chapter 19 Session B

**4th**  
SECONDARY

**TIME FLIES**

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## A timeline

- 1 Look at the photos below and on p87. Have you ever used any of these things? When?





**2**  **45** Guess whether the sentences are true or false. Then read, listen and check.

- 1 Some people can solve the Rubik's Cube<sup>®</sup> puzzle in less than a minute. **TRUE**
- 2 People used to play *Mario Bros*<sup>®</sup> before personal game consoles were invented. **TRUE**
- 3 In the late 1990s, some Furbies were arrested. **FALSE**
- 4 Facebook was the first social networking site. **FALSE**
- 5 *Pokémon Go!*<sup>®</sup> uses augmented reality. **TRUE**

### 3 Check the meaning of the time references above. Which can you find in the text?

Time references can help you to understand the sequence of events in a text. For example:

*in the early/mid/late (80s), by (the 1990s), soon after/afterwards, (a decade) later, after (ten years), the previous/following year, now/these days/today/currently*

# Timeline: filling time through the decades!

Check out this timeline to see how people have 'filled' their time over the years. What would you add? Send us your ideas!



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Rubik's Cube is named after its inventor, Hungarian professor of architecture Ernő Rubik.

## Rubik's Cube

1980

When the Rubik's Cube® **craze** began in 1980, some people said that it would never last. But more than 350 million cubes have been sold since then, and people are still trying to beat the world record – currently less than five seconds! If you want to try, then first take a look on YouTube, where lots of competitive 'cubers' are offering to share their secrets!



## Mario Bros

1983

Do you remember Mario and Luigi? These brothers – some people argued that they were twins – were plumbers who had to fight strange creatures under the city of New York. In the early 1980s many people spent hours playing this game in **video arcades**. Soon afterwards, Nintendo announced that they were bringing out *Super Mario Bros*® for home computers and game consoles.



## Furby

A robotic creature called Furby® was the **must-have** new **gadget** of 1998. Furbies spoke their own language (Furbish) – for example, they said 'doo-dah' ('yes') or 'boo' ('no') when their owner told them to do something – but they could also 'learn' English. The following year, the US National Security Agency actually banned Furbies from its buildings because some people claimed that they could repeat top-secret information!

1998

## Facebook

Facebook® wasn't the first social networking site of the new **millennium**, but it soon became the biggest. Created by Mark Zuckerberg in 2004, it gained 1,200 users in the first 24 hours. Three years later, Facebook reported that the number of registered users had reached 30 million. These days, more than a billion people around the world spend 950 million hours a day on Facebook!



2004

## Pokémon Go!

Twenty years after the original Pokémon® craze, the 'pocket monsters' **made a comeback** in *Pokémon Go!*™ This time, players had to use the GPS on their cell phones to find augmented reality creatures. Some people complained that the game could be dangerous because players were too distracted, but fans argued that it was great that they had to go outside and exercise. Clearly many people agreed – after just two years, the Pokémon Company announced that more than 800 million people had downloaded the game.

2016



## What's next?

What do you think the next big craze will be? Some experts suggest that mobile devices won't exist in 20 years' time, so perhaps we'll be playing games on chips implanted in our bodies. Or maybe the old 20th-century time-fillers will make a comeback.

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4 Complete each pair of sentences with the correct time references from each box.

in the early 1980s   these days   since then

- 1 The Rubik's Cube became a craze in the early 1980's.
- 2 These days \_\_\_\_\_ you can find tips on YouTube.

24 hours   2004   by 2007

- 3 Facebook was invented in 2004 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 By 2007 \_\_\_\_\_, Facebook had 30 million users.

20 years later   2016   in the 1990s

- 5 The original *Pokémon* craze happened in the 1990's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 *Pokémon Go!* came out 20 years later \_\_\_\_\_.

## 5 Complete the sentences.

- 1 The Rubik's Cube was invented by Ernö Rubik
- 2 *Mario Bros* was produced by Nintendo
- 3 The Furby was first sold in 1998
- 4 Facebook was invented by Mark Zuckerberg
- 5 In the first two years, *Pokémon Go!* was downloaded by 800 million people

## 7 Answer the questions.

1 How many Rubik's Cubes have been sold? **More than 350 million.**

2 Who are the main characters in the *Mario Bros* video game, and who are their enemies?

**Mario and Luigi, and their enemies are strange creatures under New York City.**

3 What language(s) could Furbies speak?

**Furbies could speak Furbish and they could learn English.**

4 How much time do people spend on Facebook every day? **Every day, around the world, people spend 950 million hours on Facebook.**

5 Find one argument *for* and one *against* *Pokémon*

**Go! One argument for Pokemon Go! Is that it gets people outside doing exercise. One argument against it is that people get distracted looking at their phones while playing, and could have an accident.**

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Work in pairs. Look at the photos.

Answer the questions.



1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s 2000s 2010s

- 1 Which dates do you associate with each photo?
- 2 Have you ever used any of these things?
- 3 What else could you add to the timeline?



# HOMEWORK

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## Word work

Are the definitions of the words in bold correct? Correct any errors.



- 1 A **craze** is something that gets popular quickly.
- 2 A **video arcade** is a place where people used to watch movies.
- 3 A **must-have gadget** is something that lots of people want.
- 4 A **millennium** is a period of a hundred years.
- 5 When something **makes a comeback**, it becomes popular again.