

Fun at home activity

Make a time capsule

Inspiration

Make your own time capsule, which is like leaving evidence of your history for the future.

Everyday objects tell a lot about ourselves and the times in which we live. Imagine looking back into your time capsule in 10, 50, 100 or even 1000 years!

Be inspired by the exhibition [A History of the World in 100 Objects from the British Museum](#) and other objects at the National Museum of Australia.



Time and difficulty

About 1 hour with moderate difficulty.

Think about

- Yourself! How would you like to be remembered?
- When will you open your time capsule? This could be a few months or years.
- How things might change from today to the future? Will we speak the same language? How will we get around?
- A few small, special objects that sum up who you are. They might be related to your family, friends, hobbies or pets. You can include these actual objects in your capsule or capture them in a drawing or photograph.

What you need

- A strong, sealable, watertight container. A cardboard container will last for less time than a glass jar or plastic container, so think about how long it needs to last.
- Some small objects you have selected to represent yourself.
- Pens, pencils and paper if you want to draw your objects or write a message or letter.
- Paints or markers to decorate your container.
- A camera to photograph your objects or a photo of you (printed out or on a USB stick).
- Soap, modelling clay, wood or soapstone if you want to include an amulet.

Ideas for your time capsule

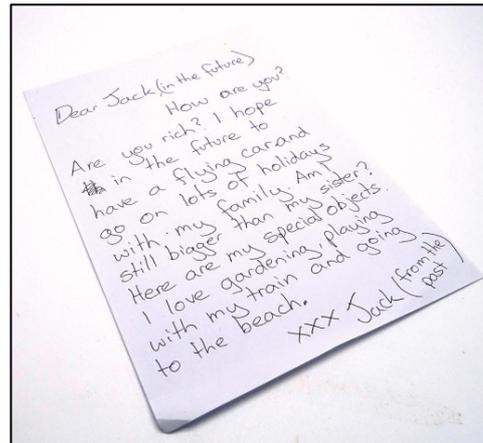
- Take a photo of yourself and date it, to show how you look on the day you make your capsule.
- Write some basic facts about yourself: name, height, weight, shoe size.

More ideas for your time capsule

- Write your future self a letter or print and answer the questions on the template below.

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- Draw your favourite place. Is it a tree house, your bedroom or a holiday destination?
- Make an amulet. These small charms have been made throughout history by many cultures. They can be worn, carried or kept to provide protection, wellbeing or good luck. We carved amulets out of soap. You can also use modelling clay, wood or soapstone.
- Decorate your container with pens, paints or markers. Make sure you write the date you made your time capsule and the date you want to open it.



Jack's time capsule includes his lucky dice, shells from a favourite holiday, a letter to his future self, a fish carved in soap and a drawing of his house.

Share your creation

Email a photo or video to schoolholidays@nma.gov.au. We will add this to the National Museum's [Flickr stream](#), where you can see other creations from our Discovery Space.

Check out more fun at home activities, videos and games on the [Museum's website](#)

Template

Print and fill in the two-page template below to add some interesting facts and ideas to your time capsule.

PAST

I was born in:

My oldest memory is:

Something that makes me laugh is:

Something I wish I knew five years' ago is:

Something wise I was once told is:

My grandparents went to school by: (bus, car, horse, other).....

The five best things that have happened to me are:

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The five worst things that have happened to me are:

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PRESENT

Name:

Today's date:

My age:

Height:

Shoe size:

Hair colour: Eye colour:

My family members:

My best friends:

People might use these three words to describe me:

My favourite things:

- Movie:
- Song:
- Place:
- Activity:

Something that is very popular or trendy today is:

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My proudest moment is:

I enjoy:

Yesterday I did this:

I go to school by: (bus, car, bike, walk, scooter, other)

FUTURE

I hope to discover, experience, learn about:

I will work as a:

I will travel to:

My house will be in: and look like:

My hobbies will be:

What I'm looking forward to the most is:

In 100 years' time kids will go to school by: (flying car, rocket, walk, other)

In 100 years' time I think the world will be:

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