

I wasn't sure if I had heard correctly. "Your wife has the same name as me?" I asked incredulously. "What are the chances of that?"

"It's certainly no coincidence, Drew," replied Mr Carter as he drove on towards Manchester. "It took me a while to realise. I thought you were a young lad called Duncan Spooner. Why would I think otherwise? It wasn't until you mentioned vaccines that I became suspicious. What young lad would know about vaccines? Unless his father were an eminent doctor or ...," his voice trailed off.

"Or what?" I asked inquisitively.

"Or he came from the future!" He took his eyes off the road for a moment, glancing at me to note my reaction. "Then, when Dr McKenna told me a young lad had been taken away by the police, my curiosity was further aroused. It didn't take long to piece it together and discover the truth."

"You don't seem surprised that I'm from the future," I said rather warily.

"It's not at all surprising when you consider my wife is from the future as well!" he casually replied as if it were the most normal thing in the world.

I thought about this carefully for a few minutes as we travelled north. There was a lot to take in, but then the truth slowly began to dawn on me. Mrs Carter had time-travelled back in time – just like me! Mrs Carter had been called Drew Hargreaves – just like me! Mrs Carter lived in Hulme – just like me! Mrs Carter was ... me! I could hardly believe it. "You know I'm a girl then?" was all I could think of saying.

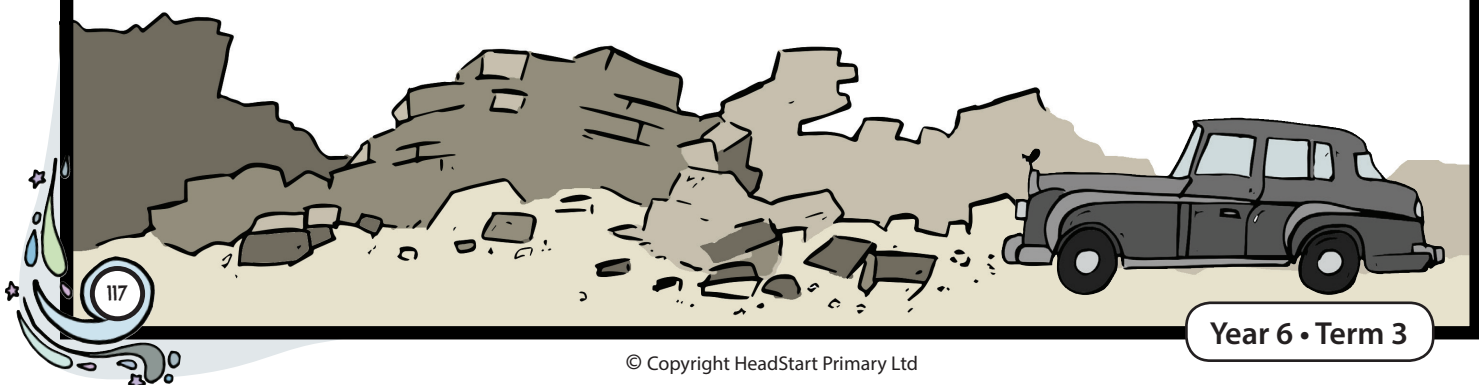
"My wife told me she were very much a tomboy when she were a girl!"

"But I don't get it!" I exclaimed uncertainly. "Mrs Carter is old and I'm young! How's that possible?"

"Don't you understand?" said Mr Carter. "Mrs Carter didn't travel into the past until she was much older. That's why we've got to get you back quick. You need to return to the future so that you can time-travel back to the past when you are a grown woman."

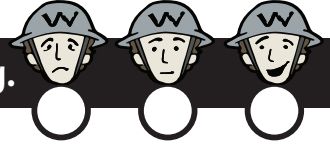
This was becoming much too confusing for me. All I knew was that I needed to get back to Hulme, find my mobile and somehow set the clock so that I returned to my proper time. We spent the rest of the journey in silence until we reached the outskirts of Hulme. There had been even more damage done to the houses and streets than on the night of the air-raid when my adventures had begun. People in the street stopped and stared as the Bentley passed by. It wouldn't be often that a very expensive car like the Bentley passed along the streets of Hulme. We stopped at the end of my street, and I got out and approached the pile of rubble that was once my house.

"Looking for this?" said a voice behind me. I turned around to see the policeman. He was holding my mobile in his hand! I was finished!





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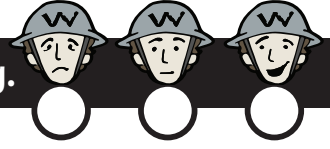
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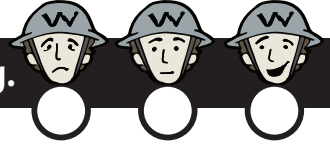
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