

Stepping Back in Time to the Seventies

Script

We were sitting in our class
Just like any other day
When the Principal came by to say,
'You'd better be on your way'
Where to? said the staff,
We don't know what you mean
(S)He said you've a ticket for the super-duper
Amazing time machine!

Sensory Activities

Give each learner a large golden ticket. Make 'whoop, whoop' sounds to show that this is the most sought after ticket and something to get excited about!

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Hip Hip! we all said with excitement and glee
How about we go back to 1973?
That's a long time ago and sure seems like a good year
So let's get our act together – we've nothing to fear

Sensory Activities

Gather your learners into a circle and fasten their seatbelts.

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We've boarded the time machine and pressed 'Back in Time'
We started the countdown, but only got to number nine
We're here already, I see floppy disks all around
They are small and square, most definitely not round

Sensory Activities

As appropriate, encourage your learners to press the button to hear 'Back in Time'.
If possible, provide your learners with a floppy disk each to examine, feel the shape and experience on different parts of their bodies. Talk about the square shape, four corners, four sides etc.

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What's that over there? it's a movie on a VCR tape
And there's one of a lady telling us how to get in shape
The tapes were oblong and so was a VCR
And when you opened the reel inside, it went really far!

Sensory Activities

Place a stack of VCR tapes in the middle of the group. Give each learner a tape to explore. Talk about the shape, colour and size. Take an old tape and, where appropriate, allow the learners to experience pulling it, exploring it, looking at it, etc.

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In the seventies we got to meet Princess Leia and Han Solo – so cool
And don't forget Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader – they RULE!
Star Wars was so popular and a hit across the land
If we sit nice and still, we might feel the power of Darth Vader's hand!

Sensory Activities

Present your learners with Star Wars models, toys or costumes to explore.
Turn out the lights and shine a laser beam, moving it rapidly around the room.
Place a monster hand on the learner's hand or shoulder and observe their reaction.

Script

In the 1970s music was very popular and discos all the rage
If we'd been living then, we'd have had a Walkman from a young age
A Walkman played tapes and you would have had earphones too
So you could listen to music and choose whatever suited you!

Sensory Activities

If you have a Walkman, allow your learners to explore this.
Place plastic headphones on the learners and play some seventies music. If you are using a more modern device, ensure that you hide it so that only the headphones are visible.

Script

Is that the Principal again, telling us to hurry back?
We'd better go quickly or else the class staff might get the sack!
We've really learned about the seventies and what happened back then
But it's time to come back to 20__ as we listen to the chimes of Big Ben!

Sensory Activities

Play the sound of Big Ben striking twelve or record the sound on a recordable button and encourage your learners to press the button to activate the chimes.