

Read the extract and fill in the gaps 1-5 with the phrases A-E.

A - but I was already going too fast to be conscious of any moving things

B - and I saw the sun hopping swiftly across the sky

C - and went off with a thud

D - so that it was not complete until this morning

E - but to me, she seemed to shoot across the room like a rocket

'I told some of you last Thursday about the principles of the Time Machine, and showed you the actual thing itself, incomplete in the workshop. There it is now, a little travel-worn, truly; and one of the ivory bars is cracked, and a brass rail bent, but the rest of it is sound enough. I expected to finish it on Friday, but on Friday, when the putting together was nearly done, I found that one of the nickel bars was exactly one inch too short, and this I had to get remade; 1 ... It was at ten o'clock today that the first Time Machine ever began its career.

I gave it a last tap. Tried all the screws again, put one more drop of oil on the quartz rod, and sat in the saddle. I took the starting lever in one hand and the stopping one in the other pressed the first, and almost immediately the second. I felt unsteady, then a nightmare sensation of falling but. Looking around, I saw the laboratory exactly as before. Had anything happened? For a moment I suspected that my intellect had tricked me. Then I noted the clock. A moment before, as it seemed, it had been a minute or so past ten; now it was nearly half past three!

I drew a breath, set my teeth, gripped the starting lever with both hands. 2 ... The laboratory went hazy and then dark. Mrs Watchett came in and walked, apparently without seeing me, towards the garden door. I suppose it took her a minute or so to cross the place, 3 ... I pushed the lever to full power. The night came like the turning out of a lamp, and in another moment came tomorrow. The laboratory grew faint and hazy, then fainter and ever fainter. Tomorrow night came black, then day again, night again, day again, still faster and faster. A whirling murmur filled my ears, and a strange confusedness descended on my mind.

I am afraid I cannot convey the peculiar sensations of lime traveling. They are excessively unpleasant. There is a feeling exactly like that one has upon a switchback - of a helpless headlong motion! I felt the same horrible anticipation, too, of an imminent smash. As I increased speed, night followed day like the flapping of a black wing. The dim outline of the laboratory seemed presently to fall away from me, 4 ... , leaping it every minute, and every minute marking a day. I supposed the laboratory had been destroyed and I had come into the open air.

I had a dim impression of scaffolding, 5 ... The slowest snail that ever crawled dashed by too fast for me. The twinkling succession of darkness and light was excessively painful to the eye. Then, in the darkness, I saw the moon spinning swiftly through her quarters from new to lull, and had a faint glimpse of the circling stars. As I went on, still gaining speed, the appearance of night and day merged into one continuous greyness; the sky took on a wonderful deepness of blue, a splendid luminous colour like that of early twilight: the sun became a streak of fire, a brilliant arch, in space; the moon a fainter changing band, and I could see nothing of the stars except a brighter circle flickering in the blue now and then.'

Match the words with their meanings. One word is extra.

1. joined together

2. ran quickly

3. difficult to see

4. foggy

5. make known

6. breathed

7. in good condition

8. expectation that something
will happen

9. continuous low sound

10. about to happen

arch

merged

dashed

dim

hazy

convey

sound

drew

anticipation

murmur

imminent

done

