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Present Day Anachronisms

An anachronism is something that belongs to or is appropriate to a time that is different from the time in which it exists or is portrayed. The word anachronism comes from two Greek words. Ana means "against." Chronos means "time." Anachronism literally means "against time."

We typically associate anachronisms with errors in movies or books that depict a particular historical time period, but something can be an anachronism in the present time as well. If something that was commonly used in the past has become obsolete in the present, due to technological advances or social/cultural changes, that thing can be called an anachronism.

DIRECTIONS: Can you think of some objects that were once common that have now become anachronisms? Write or draw one in each box.