

Unit 2: Technological Evolution

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Read and match:



Ink-jet Printer

Röntgen was investigating cathode rays using a fluorescent when he noticed a faint green glow from the screen. Röntgen found they could also pass through books and papers on his desk.



Post-it Notes

Scientist Spencer Silver was trying to create a super strong adhesive when he created a very weak adhesive that would peel off when removed from any surface.



Potato Chips

Percy Spencer was experimenting with popcorn when the candy bar in his pocket began to melt.



Chocolate-chip cookies

Ruth Wakefield was making chocolate cookies when she ran out of regular baker's chocolate and substituted broken pieces of semi-sweet chocolate from Nestlé thinking that they would melt and mix into the batter.



Microwave Oven

When an engineer rested his hot iron on his pen by accident, ink was ejected from the pen's point a few moments later. This principle led to the creation of the inkjet printer.



X-Ray Images

In 1853, in a New York restaurant, when a customer complained that the fried potatoes were too soggy and thick, and repeatedly sent them back to the waiter, the chef-George Crum- cut the potatoes into thin slices, fried them, and covered them in salt.