

Task 3: Read the French text and fill the gaps in the English version (the French words you need are in bold)



Le Concours Lépine est un concours **français** d'inventions **créé** en 1901 par Louis Lépine. Il se déroule tous les **ans** à la foire de Paris et dure une **semaine**. Il est ouvert à tous les **inventeurs** qui veulent présenter leurs **découvertes** au public. Il faut payer **mille** Euros pour **participer**. C'est grâce au concours Lépine que l'on a découvert de nombreuses **inventions** comme le fer à repasser, l'aspirateur ou encore le **stylo** à bille.

The "concours Lépine is a \_\_\_\_\_ invention contest \_\_\_\_\_ in 1901 by Louis Lépine. It takes place every \_\_\_\_\_ at the Paris Fair and lasts for a \_\_\_\_\_. It is open to all \_\_\_\_\_ who want to present their \_\_\_\_\_ to the public. You must pay \_\_\_\_\_ Euros to \_\_\_\_\_. It is thanks to the Lépine contest that we discovered many \_\_\_\_\_ like the iron, the Hoover or ballpoint \_\_\_\_\_.

1000      created      inventors      year      week      pen  
discoveries      French      participate      inventions

Task 4: Look at the poster on the next page (10 inventions rewarded by the Lépine contest)

- A- Use the pictures to translate the vocab in English (using the box below)  
B- Complete the last column with the date they were invented (write it in French)

Le mouchoir en papier	Tissue	Mille neuf cent un
Le lave-vaisselle		
Le matelas pneumatique		
Le stylo à bille		
Le fer à repasser		
L'aspirateur		
Le cœur artificiel		
Les verres de contact		
Un jeu de société		
Un fauteuil électrique pour handicapés		

Artificial heart / dishwasher / electric wheelchair / ballpoint pen / tissue / board game / iron / contact lenses / air mattress / Hoover

## Task 5: video

Watch the video about small inventions that made a lot of money. Answer the questions or fill the gaps. You can slow down the speed of the video to 0.75 or pause it as often as needed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jdyh2CZJGog>

### Le post-it

1. Created in \_\_\_\_\_
2. Materials needed. Fill the gaps  
Mouldy \_\_\_\_\_  
A bit of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ colours
3. How many post-it are sold? Choose the correct answer  
A - Thousands    B - Billions    C- Hundreds    D - Millions

### La carte à puce

1. Created in \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who invented it? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How much did he make? \_\_\_\_\_

### Le pet rock

1. Created in \_\_\_\_\_
2. Complete the sentences:  
A - The virtual \_\_\_\_\_. A rock, \_\_\_\_\_.  
B - \_\_\_\_\_ rocks in a box of straw sold in 6 \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What is the name of its creator? \_\_\_\_\_

### Le Smiley

1. Created in \_\_\_\_\_
2. How much did his creator sell it for? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Complete:  
It was sold for \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ later

### La lava lamp

1. Created in \_\_\_\_\_
2. Complete the sentence  
\_\_\_\_\_ the hippy way .... Which still lights up \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Le fil de fer barbelé (barbwire)

1. Created in \_\_\_\_\_
2. Complete the sentence  
Less \_\_\_\_\_ than a \_\_\_\_\_ to mind \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does it say about how rich its inventor became?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Le hula hoop

1. Created in \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long did it take to sell 100 millions?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did the same company invent a year earlier?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Le Tipp-ex

1. Created in \_\_\_\_\_
2. When did its creator sell his company and how much for?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### La réponse du Père Noël

1. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Created in \_\_\_\_\_
3. How much does it cost? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long did it take its creator to become millionaire?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Le slick

1. Created in \_\_\_\_\_
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ caterpillar that goes down the \_\_\_\_\_

How many have been sold? \_\_\_\_\_