Great Little Inventions

Most people think that only a genius can invent. That is not true. Many of the tools and products we use in our daily life, were invented by ordinary people who were driven by need or necessity.

William Addis, a man from London, had an idea that helped him to clean his teeth. He took a small bone , made tiny holes in it, then put small broom bristles in the holes. He made a toothbrush. He started using it whenever he wanted to clean his teeth. Soon, he set up a business selling these toothbrushes and made a fortune.

You can be an inventor too. Think about simple things people need or dislike doing. Try to come up with a solution. Your solution may become a useful invention and you may become a famous inventor. ☺

1. What is the invention that William Addis came up with?

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2. Match the words to their meanings:

1. fortune	( )	a very smart person
2. genius	( )	an answer to a problem
3. solution	( )	famous
4. ordinary	( )	a lot of money
	( )	normal

3. Put (T) or (F), then correct the false statements:

1. Only geniuses can invent. ( )
2. Inventors were driven by necessity or need. ( )

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