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UNIT 5: INVENTIONS

A READING PASSAGE



THE POWER OF INVENTIONS

Throughout history, inventions have shaped the way people live, work, and communicate. From the wheel to the smartphone, each invention has played a key role in human progress.

One of the most important inventions was the printing press, created by Johannes Gutenberg in the 15th century. Before this, books were copied by hand, making them expensive and rare. The printing press made books more accessible, spreading knowledge and literacy.

Another life-changing invention was the light bulb, developed by Thomas Edison in 1879. Before electric lights, people used candles and oil lamps, which were dim and dangerous. The light bulb made homes and workplaces brighter and safer, improving productivity and daily life.

In modern times, the internet has revolutionized communication. Invented in the late 20th century, it allows people to share information instantly, connect across the world, and access endless resources. Social media, online education, and digital businesses all depend on the internet.

Inventions continue to shape our future. Scientists and engineers are working on artificial intelligence, renewable energy, and space exploration. These innovations could solve global challenges and improve human life.

Every invention starts with an idea. Many inventors faced failures before success. Their persistence changed the world. Perhaps the next great invention will come from a young mind—maybe even yours!

Task 1: Matching the words with definitions

1. Invention

A. The ability to keep trying even after failing.

2. Revolutionized

B. Something new that is created to solve a problem or improve life.

3. Productivity

C. Made a big and important change in something.

4. Accessible

D. Easy to reach, use, or get.

5. Persistence

E. The ability to complete tasks efficiently and effectively.



TASK 2: Decide if the statements are TRUE or FALSE?

1/ The printing press made books more expensive and harder to find.

2/ Thomas Edison invented the light bulb in 1879, making homes and workplaces brighter and safer.

3/ The internet was invented in the 18th century to improve communication.

4/ Inventions like artificial intelligence and renewable energy could help solve global challenges.

5/ Many inventors succeeded on their first try without any failures.

TASK 3: Choose the best answer for these questions

1/ What was the main impact of the printing press?

- A) It made books cheaper and more available.
- B) It stopped people from reading books.
- C) It made books harder to find.
- D) It only printed pictures, not words.

2/ Why was the invention of the light bulb important?

- A) It made candles and oil lamps more popular.
- B) It made homes and workplaces brighter and safer.
- C) It replaced all books with digital screens.
- D) It was used only for decoration.

3/ How has the internet changed communication?

- A) It made it slower to share information.
- B) It only allows people to send handwritten letters.
- C) It helps people connect instantly across the world.
- D) It stopped businesses from growing.



4/ Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a future invention?

- A) Artificial intelligence
- B) Renewable energy
- C) Space exploration
- D) Time travel

5/ What do many inventors have in common?

- A) They never make mistakes.
- B) They give up when they fail.
- C) They succeed on the first try.
- D) They keep trying even after failing.