



PROGRAMA ACOMPAÑAR- 2020/2021- 2nd YEAR

READING

Student's name: _____

1 Read the article and tick A, B, or C.

The best inventions

This week in Inventor's World, we asked one reader, Ben Cross, aged 25, to tell us which inventions he thinks have changed our lives the most. Which inventions did he choose? Do you agree with him?

I work in IT, so I have a close relationship with electrical gadgets! In my opinion, one recent invention that has changed our lives is the laptop computer. It allows us to work anywhere and has made our working lives so much easier. The idea for the first laptop was created by Alan Kay in 1968. Kay wanted to make a personal computer for children to learn computer skills. It was known as the Dynabook. In fact, the Dynabook was never built. But his idea was used by other companies to develop laptops and PCs. The first portable computer in the shops was made by Osborne Computer Corporation in 1981. It was called Osborne 1. I'm too young to remember all this, but my boss told me that the first laptops were very heavy and difficult to carry around. I can't imagine life without my laptop. What did people use to do before they were invented?

It's clear to me that another invention that has changed all our lives is the electric light bulb. We can go out or work late in the evening and through the night, if we want to. These extra hours mean that we can do more and be more successful. What would we do if we couldn't go out in the evenings because it was too dark to see? The light bulb wasn't invented recently – it was invented in 1879 by Thomas Edison – but I can't think of another invention that has made such a difference to our lives. The early glass light bulbs were made by hand. Later they were produced by machines and became cheaper to buy. These days, light bulbs are made in a variety of different types and sizes. They are used in the home, at work, in cars, in torches, on Christmas trees, and so on. Life would be very dark without them.

1 The idea for the first laptop was created in _____.

A 1989 ____ **B** 1968 ____ **C** 1689 ____

2 Kay wanted to make a personal computer for children to learn _____.

A English ____ **B** Maths ____ **C** computer skills ____

3 The Dynabook wasn't ever _____.

A built ____ **B** successful ____ **C** used in schools ____

4 The idea for the Dynabook was used by _____.



A other IT companies ____ B schools ____ C no-one else ____

5 The first laptops were difficult to ____.

A open ____ B carry ____ C use ____

6 Ben says the electric light bulb gives us ____.

A cheaper electricity ____ B more time to do things ____ C less work to do ____

7 The invention of the light bulb happened in ____.

A 1976 ____ B 1889 ____ C 1879 ____

8 The early electric light bulbs were made by ____.

A machine ____ B women ____ C hand ____

9 Ben thinks that ____ have changed our lives more than the light bulb.

A more recent inventions ____ B no other inventions ____ C machines ____

10 Nowadays, there is a ____ variety of electric light bulbs.

A bigger ____ B smaller ____ C boring ____

____/10

2 Read the article again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

Example: Ben works with electrical gadgets. T

1 Ben thinks that the laptop computer has made our lives easier. ____

2 The idea for the first laptop was created by Dynabook. ____

3 The first portable computer in the shops was made in 1981 ____

4 The first laptops were very light and small ____

5 Ben thinks that the electric light bulb has changed our lives ____

6 He says that we can go out or work late in the evening without electric light bulbs ____

7 The electric light bulb was invented by Stephanie Kwolek. ____

8 Light bulbs are now much cheaper to produce. ____

9 The early glass light bulbs were made by sophisticated machines ____

10 The first laptop you could buy was called Osborne 10. ____

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TOTAL SCORE: 20

YOUR SCORE: ____ MARK: ____



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