

INVENTIONS AND INVENTORS

Put the verbs in brackets in passive voice

A good or a bad invention?

Our lives ⁽¹⁾ _____ (make) better every day thanks to inventions. But sometimes, inventions can make our lives worse. This can happen when an invention ⁽²⁾ _____ (not use) according to the inventor's plan. For example, Alfred Nobel, a Swedish scientist, invented a strong explosive in 1867. It ⁽³⁾ _____ (call) dynamite and it revolutionized the world of engineering. After its invention, many bridges, tunnels and other structures ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (build) with the help of dynamite. However, dynamite ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (also, use) to kill people in wars. This upset Nobel. Before his death, Nobel decided to use the money from his famous invention to make the world a better place. A special fund ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (start) in Nobel's name. Every year, Nobel prizes ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (give) for extraordinary work in science, medicine, literature and the promotion of world peace.

Where is the rice grown?

People usually think that rice ⁽¹⁾ _____ (grow) in China. But did you know that there's a place in Spain full of rice fields? They ⁽²⁾ _____ (locate) in north-eastern Spain on the banks of the Ebro Delta at the Riet Vell nature reserve. 300 tonnes of rice ⁽³⁾ _____ (produce) each year. The first rice ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (plant) here in 2003. Chemicals ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (not use) in the fields before 2003 so the rice is organic. Lots of birds ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (help) by the rice fields, including herons and flamingos. The rice ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (buy) by many countries, including Germany. In 2004 the rice ⁽⁸⁾ _____ (give) an organic food award.

When was modern football game started?

For centuries, people had local games where teams competed with a ball, but the rules of our modern game of football ⁽¹⁾ _____ (not write) until 1863 in England. Today this exciting and skilful sport ⁽²⁾ _____ (enjoy) all over the world. Every four years thirty-two countries ⁽³⁾ _____ (allow) to compete in the World Cup. The 2014 World Cup ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (hold) in Brazil, and the matches ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (watch) by a TV audience of over thirty billion people. The sport ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (not play) only by men. Women's football is quickly becoming more popular. The first Women's World Cup took place in 1991 in China, where the competition ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (win) by a team from the United States.

Who doesn't like sweets

Who doesn't like sweets? Sweets ⁽¹⁾ _____ (love) by people everywhere – and not only by children. At our house, a sweet dessert ⁽²⁾ _____ (enjoy) by the whole family after every meal. My favourite dessert ⁽³⁾ _____ (invent) many years ago – by mistake! One day in 1905, a drink ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (leave) outside by an eleven-year old boy named Frank Epperson. The drink had a mixing stick in it. It was very cold that night and the drink froze. When the frozen drink ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (take) out of the cup, it stayed on the stick. That's how the first ice lolly ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (create). Of course, ice lollies ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (not sell) in shops immediately. After all, their inventor was only a boy! But eighteen years later, Frank Epperson opened an ice lolly factory. Today, millions of his sweets creations ⁽⁸⁾ _____ (eat) worldwide.