

UNIT 3 – INVENTIONS AND TECHNOLOGY IN OUR LIVES

GRAMMAR PRACTICE WORKSHEET

Purpose: Students will be able to use Present Simple (3rd person: it connects) and 1st person (I think / I use / I believe) and write WH-questions about inventions.

Mini-text: Read and remember! (text reference)

The Smartphone

In 2007, Apple CEO Steve Jobs officially **launched** the first iPhone. The smartphone **connects** users wirelessly to the internet. It **uses** a rechargeable battery as its power source. Apple **holds** a patent for its touchscreen technology. Today, the smartphone **transforms** the way people communicate, learn, and work.

The Internet

Tim Berners-Lee **launched** the World Wide Web in 1991. The internet **provides** access to unlimited information and **enables** wireless communication worldwide. Remarkably, Berners-Lee did NOT register a patent — he **gives** it to the world completely free. The internet **supports** education and global commerce every day.

The 3D Printer

Chuck Hull **invented** the first 3D printer in 1984 and **registered** a patent. Today, a 3D printer **creates** solid objects from digital designs. In medicine, it **helps** doctors produce artificial bones and prosthetic limbs. The 3D printer **revolutionizes** architecture, fashion, food, and many other fields.

Grammar Reference: Present Simple — 1st vs 3rd person

Person	Subject	Rule	Example
1st person	I	Verb base form — NO -s	I use my smartphone every day.
3rd person	He / She / It / Tesla / The internet...	Verb add -s / -es / -ies	The internet provides information.

Section A — Present Simple: Complete the sentences

A-1. Complete with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

provide · believe · use · go · think · study · fix · connect

1. The smartphone _____ people all over the world.
2. The internet _____ access to information in seconds.
3. Modern technology _____ problems in medicine.
4. An engineer _____ 3D printing to create new devices.
5. The smartphone signal _____ through wireless networks.
6. I _____ the smartphone is the most important invention.

7. I _____ the internet every day to study and communicate.
8. I _____ 3D printers will change medicine forever.

A-2. Choose the correct option. Circle the right verb form.

One option in each pair is wrong — find it!

1. The internet (connects / connect) billions of devices worldwide.
2. I (thinks / think) the 3D printer is a revolutionary invention.
3. Tim Berners-Lee (give / gives) his invention to the world for free.
4. I (✓ use / uses) my smartphone to access information every day.
5. The 3D printer (creates / create) solid objects from digital designs.
6. I (believes / believe) the internet transformed education forever.



Section B — Radio Detective: Catch the mistake!

B-1. These are Jamie's mistakes from Tech Talk Radio. Write Dr. Rivera's correction.

Use the mini-text above to help you!

JAMIE: "The first iPhone was launched in 2005, right?"

 Correction: _____

JAMIE: "Tim Berners-Lee sold the World Wide Web for millions of dollars."

 Correction: _____

JAMIE: "Chuck Hull invented the 3D printer in 1994."

 Correction: _____

JAMIE: "3D printers are only useful in hospitals."

 Correction: _____

Section C — WH-Questions: Ask and answer

C-1. Write a WH-question for each answer.

Example

Answer: The smartphone connects people wirelessly. **Question:** What does the smartphone do?

1. *Answer: Steve Jobs launched the first iPhone in 2007.*

Who _____ ?

2. *Answer: The internet provides access to unlimited information.*

What _____ ?

3. *Answer: Chuck Hull invented the 3D printer in 1984.*

When _____ ?

4. *Answer: Tim Berners-Lee launched the World Wide Web in England.*

Where _____ ?

5. Answer: The 3D printer creates objects by reading a digital design.

How _____ ?

C-2. Spot the error! Correct the underlined mistake.

Look carefully — some are 3rd person errors, some are 1st person errors.

1. I uses the internet every day to study.



2. The 3D printer create solid objects from digital designs.



3. I thinks the smartphone is amazing.



4. The internet provide wireless access to everyone.





Section D — Be the journalist! My own sentences

D-1. Write 2 sentences about inventions — one in 3rd person, one in 1st person.

3rd person (He / She / It / The smartphone...):





1st person (I think / I use / I believe...):

I believe the internet is the most important invention because it connects the whole world.

D-2. Write 2 WH-questions you could ask in the role-play.




