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## Food in Cans



The idea of storing food in cans was developed in England in 1810. A British merchant named Peter Durand is responsible for this idea. It is interesting that none invented a can opener until fifty years later. British soldiers in 1812 tore open canned rations with bayonets and pocket knives. They were even known to shoot the cans open.

## The Modern Can Opener

The can opener that we use today was invented about 1870. It was invented by an American inventor named William W. Lynman. It has a cutting wheel that rotates around the can's edge. It was immediately popular and it has been changed only once. In 1925, a special wheel was added. This was called the "feed wheel", and it made the can rotate against the cutting wheel.





Read the example information paragraph  
and answer the following questions.





1. What is the main idea of the first  
information paragraph? \_\_\_\_\_





2. What are two supporting details in the  
first information paragraph? \_\_\_\_\_



3. What is the topic sentence of the  
second information paragraph? \_\_\_\_\_



4. What are two supporting details in the  
second information paragraph? \_\_\_\_\_



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