

# 7 D

**G** passive  
**V** verbs: *invent, discover, etc.*  
**P** -ed, sentence stress

It was invented by a woman.

## The mothers of invention

### 1 LISTENING

a Look at the photos. Five of these things were invented by women. In pairs, decide which five you think they are.

b **7.11** Now listen to a radio programme about inventions. Were you right? Complete the sentences with the invention.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ was invented by Josephine Cochrane in 1886.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ were invented by Mary Anderson in 1903.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ were invented by Marion Donovan in 1950.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ was invented by Bette Nesmith Graham in 1956.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ was invented by Stephanie Kwolek in 1966.

c Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 What happened after Josephine Cochrane's dinner parties?
- 2 What was the problem with cars in 1903 when it rained or snowed?
- 3 How many disposable nappies are used every day?
- 4 What was Bette Nesmith Graham's job?
- 5 What was special about the material Stephanie Kwolek invented?

d Which of the five inventions do you think was the best?

### 2 GRAMMAR passive

a Make five true sentences using the words in the chart.

The dishwasher	is called	Tipp-Ex today.
Disposable nappies	was invented	by Marion Donovan.
More than 55 million nappies	are protected	every day.
Mrs Graham's invention	were invented	by the bullet-proof vest.
Policemen all over the world	are used	by an American woman.

*The dishwasher was invented by an American woman.*

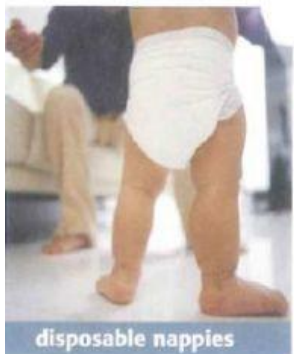
b Look at these two sentences and answer the questions.

- a An American woman invented the dishwasher.
  - b The dishwasher was invented by an American woman.
- 1 Do the sentences have the same meaning?
  - 2 Do the sentences have the same emphasis?
  - 3 Which sentence is in the passive?

c **p.138 Grammar Bank 7D.** Read the rules and do the exercises.



the dishwasher



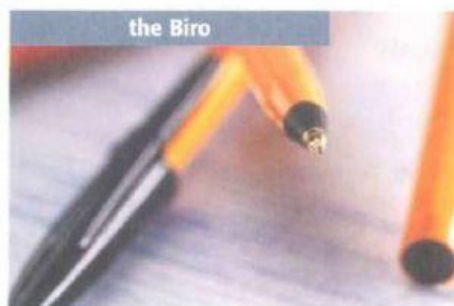
disposable nappies



nylon stockings



windscreen wipers



the Biro



the vacuum cleaner



the bullet-proof vest



Tipp-Ex



the washing machine