

ACTIVITY 1

Listen and match the children to the invention. There are two inventions you don't need to use.



1 Daisy _____ 2 Jake _____ 3 Carla _____ 4 Phillip _____

ACTIVITY 2

Complete the text using the vocabulary of this unit.



When I look around my house, I see lots of useful inventions. In the kitchen there are lots of machines. There is a 1 dishwasher for the washing up and a 2 _____ for cooking food quickly. My dad has an office at home. On his desk there are lots of papers and he uses a big 3 _____ to keep them together. He is a scientist so he has a 4 _____ at home to study very small things. My mum teaches foreign languages. She speaks Spanish, French and Italian. She has a 5 _____ for each language so she can check words.

ACTIVITY 3

Read and choose true or false.



Last week, Mrs Graham visited our school to talk to us about inventions. When she was a girl, she wanted to be an inventor herself, but she decided to study history. She likes reading about inventions that we use every day. She talked about two inventors from the USA: Josephine Cochrane and Percy Spencer.

Josephine Cochrane was born in 1839. She was a very rich woman who liked having parties, but didn't like washing the dishes. Her servants did this for her, but she wasn't very happy because sometimes they broke the plates. She wanted a machine to wash her plates quickly and without breaking them. She invented the first dishwasher in 1886. In

the beginning, it was used in hotels and restaurants, then in people's houses.

Percy Spencer was a scientist who worked with radars in the 1940s. One day he walked past a radar machine and a chocolate bar in his pocket melted. Percy noticed this and went to get some popcorn seeds. He put the seeds in front of the machine and they started popping! That's how he invented the microwave. Percy didn't finish school, but he learned chemistry, physics and maths by himself. Isn't he amazing?

'There are many important inventors who invented things by accident,' said Mrs Graham. 'But like Percy, they were all very observant and worked very hard.'

- 1 Mrs Graham is an inventor. ____
- 2 Mrs Graham talked about two American inventors. ____
- 3 Other people washed Josephine Cochrane's dishes. ____
- 4 People used the dishwasher first at work and then in their homes. ____
- 5 Percy Spencer was very observant. ____
- 6 He invented the microwave because he wanted to have popcorn. ____

ACTIVITY 4

Read and match the question with the correct answer.

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| 1 Where did she live? | a She died in 1913. |
| 2 When did she die? | b She invented a machine for washing dishes. |
| 3 What did she study? | c Yes, she did. |
| 4 Did she invent anything? | d She lived in Ohio in the USA. |
| 5 What did she invent? | e She studied science and mechanics. |

ACTIVITY 5

Choose the correct wh- question word.

- 1 did Thomas Edison live? In the USA.
- 2 did he do in 1871? He married his first wife.
- 3 did he marry his second wife? In 1885.
- 4 did he invent? Lots of useful things.
- 5 did he invent his light bulb? In New Jersey.
- 6 did he die? In 1931.



ACTIVITY 6

Look, read and complete the sentences using the past simple.



Robert's life	6 years ago (5 years old)	Today (11 years old)
• live	Manchester	London
• play	football	tennis
• like	history	science
• listen to	pop music	rock 'n' roll music

Today Robert lives in London but 6 years ago he _____.

Nowadays Robert plays tennis but when he was 5 years old he _____.

At school, now he likes science but when he was 5 years old he _____.

He listens to rock 'n' roll music but 6 years ago he _____.