

Passive: Inventors and Inventions

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.