

## Unit 2: Technological Evolution

Adapted from: <https://www.storypick.com/inventions-made-by-mistake/>

Read and match:



**Ink-jet Printer**

Röntgen was investigating cathode rays using a fluorescent when he noticed a faint green glow from the screen. Röntgen found they could also pass through books and papers on his desk.



**Post-it Notes**

Scientist Spencer Silver was trying to create a super strong adhesive when he created a very weak adhesive that would peel off when removed from any surface.



**Potato Chips**

Percy Spencer was experimenting with popcorn when the candy bar in his pocket began to melt.



**Chocolate-chip cookies**

Ruth Wakefield was making chocolate cookies when she ran out of regular baker's chocolate and substituted broken pieces of semi-sweet chocolate from Nestlé thinking that they would melt and mix into the batter.



**Microwave Oven**

When an engineer rested his hot iron on his pen by accident, ink was ejected from the pen's point a few moments later. This principle led to the creation of the inkjet printer.



**X-Ray Images**

In 1853, in a New York restaurant, when a customer complained that the fried potatoes were too soggy and thick, and repeatedly sent them back to the waiter, the chef-George Crum- cut the potatoes into thin slices, fried them, and covered them in salt.