

Old Inventions

A. Music Cassette



Music cassettes which have an internal ribbon of magnetic tape were mostly used in cars up until the mid-1990s, and before that in the 1980's with Walkmans. You could buy them with music on them, or buy ones and record your own music onto them.

B. Black & White TV



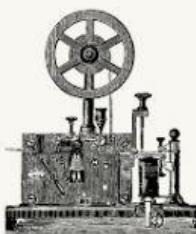
Early TVs could not show color, and it was not until 1954 that the first color TVs were introduced. They were very expensive, so most people really did not have color TVs until the 1970s.

C. Floppy Disk



The floppy disk was a way of storing and moving computer data. They were very unreliable and could not hold much data.

D. Telegraph



This technology was developed in about 1837 and was used from the 1850s for at least one hundred years.

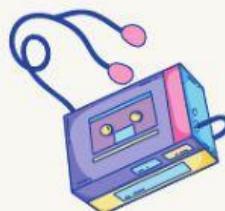
E. Film Camera



The film camera was also developed in the 1830s, from ideas that had been around for hundreds of years before.

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F. Walkman



In the 1980s many people had a Walkman. You could listen to a store-bought cassette on it or make your own cassette 'mix' from the radio or from another cassette.

G. VHS Cassette



Similar to Music cassettes in how they worked, but much bigger, VHS cassettes were used for watching movies on your TV with a VHS player called a VCR. There were many rental shops to rent movies, or you could record your favorite TV shows from the TV.

H. Typewriter



Typewriters were invented in the 1830s and were used up until the 1980s, when they were replaced by computers. Many journalists and writers used them.

I. Vinyl Record



Dating from around 1890 Vinyl records have tiny grooves and a needle on the record player reads the music. Vinyl records are still used today. Many DJs and music lovers still prefer their sound to a CD or a MP3. Vinyl records come in three common sizes and have three possible speeds.

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Choose the best answer(s) for each question.

1. Which four items were invented in the 1800s?

2. Which two items use a Magnetic ribbon tape?

3.. Which two items are still popular today?

4. Which item was very unreliable?

5. Which two items are used together?

6. Which item was mostly used in cars?

7. On which item could you write a book?

8. Which item has the longest history?

9. Which item helped people to walk and listen to their favorite music at the same time?

10. What item comes in three possible sizes?