Write synonyms for these adjectives

modest, ordinary = _____
creative, new = _____
simple, basic = _____
important, big = _____
usual, not special = _____

easy to carry = portable
useful = _____
small = _____
essential = _____
many, a lot of = _____
out of date = _____

What are some common gadgets we use these days?

How have these changed in the last decade?

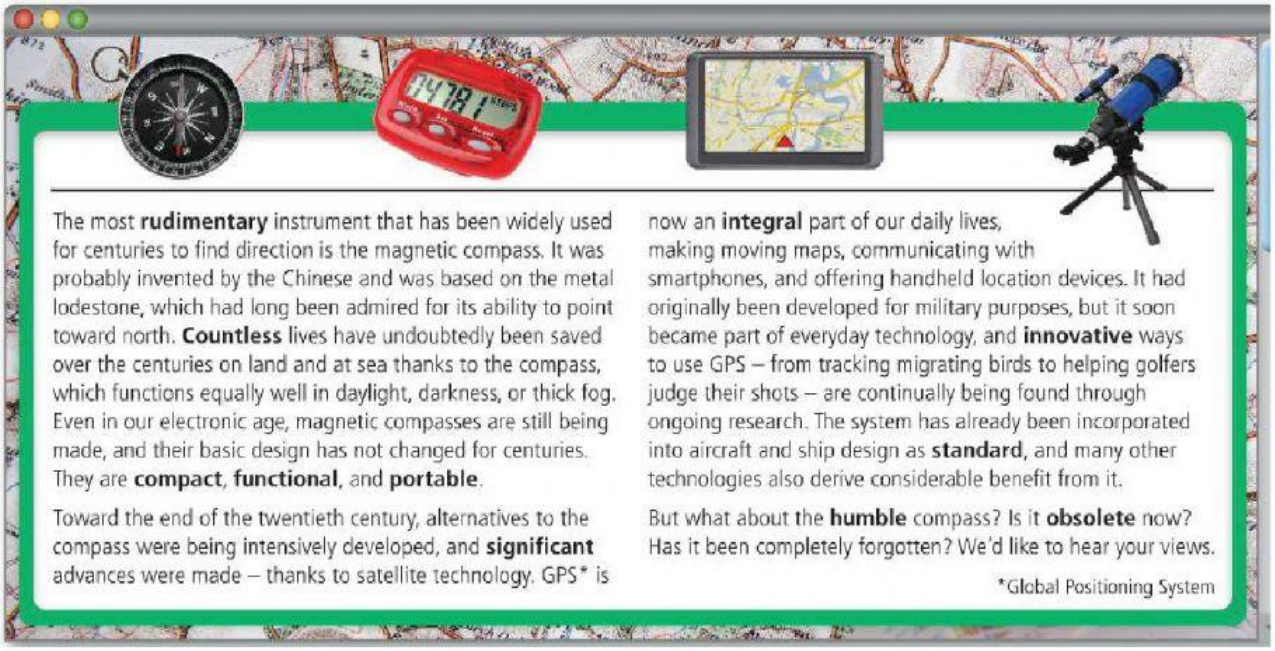








Read a short description of one of the most rudimentary inventions and complete the chart of adjectives and their synonyms



The most **rudimentary** instrument that has been widely used for centuries to find direction is the magnetic compass. It was probably invented by the Chinese and was based on the metal lodestone, which had long been admired for its ability to point toward north. **Countless** lives have undoubtedly been saved over the centuries on land and at sea thanks to the compass, which functions equally well in daylight, darkness, or thick fog. Even in our electronic age, magnetic compasses are still being made, and their basic design has not changed for centuries. They are **compact**, **functional**, and **portable**.

Toward the end of the twentieth century, alternatives to the compass were being intensively developed, and **significant** advances were made – thanks to satellite technology. GPS* is now an **integral** part of our daily lives, making moving maps, communicating with smartphones, and offering handheld location devices. It had originally been developed for military purposes, but it soon became part of everyday technology, and **innovative** ways to use GPS – from tracking migrating birds to helping golfers judge their shots – are continually being found through ongoing research. The system has already been incorporated into aircraft and ship design as **standard**, and many other technologies also derive considerable benefit from it.

But what about the **humble** compass? Is it **obsolete** now? Has it been completely forgotten? We'd like to hear your views.

*Global Positioning System

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easy-to-carry	portable	creative		useful	
important		out-of-date		usual	
modest		basic		"a lot of"	
necessary		small			

Discuss with your group and complete these ideas with the synonyms from the box

1. easy to carry = We have a portable grill that we barbecue on.
2. useful = Kitchen appliances should be both _____ and attractive.
3. small = With gas prices so high, people are now buying _____ cars.
4. essential = Having ideas is an _____ part of making progress.
5. many, a lot of = There have been _____ inventions that didn't work.
6. out of date = The typewriter has more or less become _____.

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