

# NEW INVENTIONS

## Listening Comprehension



LISTEN TO THE RADIO PROGRAMME AND DO THE EXERCISE TO PRACTISE AND IMPROVE YOUR LISTENING SKILLS

### I. PREPARATION

CLASSIFY THE INVENTIONS IN THE CORRECT GROUP. IF YOU DON'T KNOW, HAVE A GUESS!

Time Travel machine	Indoor cloud-maker machine	Sign language Translation gloves
Solar water distiller Digital running shoes (that give you performance statistics)	Air-maker (for use on other planets) Wingsuits (that enable you to fly)	Bio-fabric clothes (that change colour according to the wearer's mood)

REAL INVENTIONS	FICTIONAL INVENTIONS

## II. CHECKING YOUR UNDERSTANDING

### A. CIRCLE TRUE OR FALSE FOR THESE SENTENCES.

1. WINGSUITS ALLOW PEOPLE TO FLY OR GLIDE.	TRUE	FALSE
2. WINGSUITS ARE GETTING CHEAPER.	TRUE	FALSE
3. GABRIELE DIAMANTI'S WATER DISTILLER IS POWERED BY THE SUN.	TRUE	FALSE
4. THE 'ENABLE TALK GLOVES' HELP PEOPLE TO USE SIGN LANGUAGE IN REALLY COLD CONDITIONS.	TRUE	FALSE
5. JAMES CAMERON INVENTED A NEW UNDERWATER CAMERA.	TRUE	FALSE
6. MIT STUDENTS HAVE INVENTED A NEW TYPE OF KETCHUP.	TRUE	FALSE
7. THE LAST INVENTION IS A WAY OF PRODUCING CLOUDS INDOORS.	TRUE	FALSE
8. THE SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT THINKS THE CLOUDS ARE UGLY.	TRUE	FALSE

### B. WRITE THE WORD TO FILL THE GAPS.

1. WINGSUITS ARE NOT VERY \_\_\_\_\_, BUT THE MODERN ONES ARE BETTER THAN EVER.
2. LAST OCTOBER WAS THE FIRST EVER WINGSUIT WORLD \_\_\_\_\_ IN CHINA.
3. YOU CAN BUY A WINGSUIT FOR 600 TO \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS.
4. THE WATER DISTILLER IS FOR PLACES WHERE IT'S HARD TO GET CLEAN \_\_\_\_\_ WATER.
5. TO PRODUCE THE WATER DISTILLER PROPERLY, THEY STILL NEED HELP WITH \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The 'enable Talk gloves' were invented by some Ukrainian \_\_\_\_\_.

7. The gloves use sensors to turn sign language into \_\_\_\_\_ and then into spoken \_\_\_\_\_.

8. James Cameron was part of a team which designed a submarine capable of descending to \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres down.

9. James Cameron was the first person to do a solo \_\_\_\_\_ so deep under the sea.

10. MIT students have invented a product that helps people get the contents out of \_\_\_\_\_.

11. A Dutch \_\_\_\_\_ has found a way of creating clouds indoors.

12. You can't make clouds for yourself at \_\_\_\_\_ yet.

### III. DISCUSSION

Which of these new inventions would you most like to try out?

