

Task 3: Read the French text and fill the gaps in the English version (the French words you need are in bold)



Le Concours Lépine est un concours **français** d'inventions **créé** en 1901 par Louis Lépine. Il se déroule tous les **ans** à la foire de Paris et dure une **semaine**. Il est ouvert à tous les **inventeurs** qui veulent présenter leurs **découvertes** au public. Il faut payer **mille** Euros pour **participer**. C'est grâce au concours Lépine que l'on a découvert de nombreuses **inventions** comme le fer à repasser, l'aspirateur ou encore le **stylo** à bille.

The "concours Lépine is a _____ invention contest _____ in 1901 by Louis Lépine. It takes place every _____ at the Paris Fair and lasts for a _____. It is open to all _____ who want to present their _____ to the public. You must pay _____ Euros to _____. It is thanks to the Lépine contest that we discovered many _____ like the iron, the Hoover or ballpoint _____.

1000 created inventors year week pen
discoveries French participate inventions

Task 4: Look at the poster on the next page (10 inventions rewarded by the Lépine contest)

- A- Use the pictures to translate the vocab in English (using the box below)
B- Complete the last column with the date they were invented (write it in French)

Le mouchoir en papier	Tissue	Mille neuf cent un
Le lave-vaisselle		
Le matelas pneumatique		
Le stylo à bille		
Le fer à repasser		
L'aspirateur		
Le cœur artificiel		
Les verres de contact		
Un jeu de société		
Un fauteuil électrique pour handicapés		

Artificial heart / dishwasher / electric wheelchair / ballpoint pen / tissue / board game / iron / contact lenses / air mattress / Hoover

Task 5: video

Watch the video about small inventions that made a lot of money. Answer the questions or fill the gaps. You can slow down the speed of the video to 0.75 or pause it as often as needed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jdyh2CZJGog>

Le post-it

1. Created in _____
2. Materials needed. Fill the gaps
Mouldy _____
A bit of _____
_____ colours
3. How many post-it are sold? Choose the correct answer
A - Thousands B - Billions C- Hundreds D - Millions

La carte à puce

1. Created in _____
2. Who invented it? _____
3. How much did he make? _____

Le pet rock

1. Created in _____
2. Complete the sentences:
A - The virtual _____. A rock, _____.
B - _____ rocks in a box of straw sold in 6 _____.
3. What is the name of its creator? _____

Le Smiley

1. Created in _____
2. How much did his creator sell it for? _____
3. Complete:
It was sold for _____ 20 _____ later

La lava lamp

1. Created in _____
2. Complete the sentence
_____ the hippy way Which still lights up _____ of
_____ in the _____.

Le fil de fer barbelé (barbwire)

1. Created in _____
2. Complete the sentence
Less _____ than a _____ to mind _____
3. What does it say about how rich its inventor became?

Le hula hoop

1. Created in _____
2. How long did it take to sell 100 millions?

3. What did the same company invent a year earlier?

Le Tipp-ex

1. Created in _____
2. When did its creator sell his company and how much for?

La réponse du Père Noël

1. What is it? _____
2. Created in _____
3. How much does it cost? _____
4. How long did it take its creator to become millionaire?

Le slick

1. Created in _____
2. The _____ caterpillar that goes down the _____

How many have been sold? _____