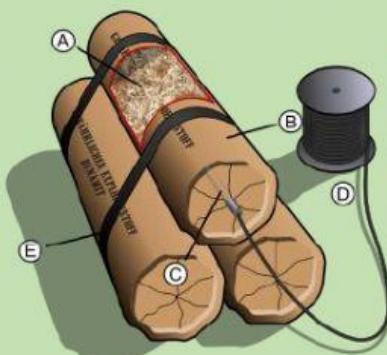


Passive: Inventors and Inventions

A good or a bad invention?



Our lives (1) _____ (make) better every day thanks to inventions. But sometimes, inventions can make our lives worse. This can happen when an invention (2) _____ (not use) according to the inventor's plan. For example, Alfred Nobel, a Swedish scientist, invented a strong explosive in 1867. It (3) _____ (call) dynamite and it revolutionized the world of engineering. After its invention, many bridges, tunnels and other structures (4) _____ (build) with the help of dynamite. However, dynamite (5) _____ (also, use) to kill people in wars. This upset Nobel. Before his death, Nobel decided to use the money from his famous invention to make the world a better place. A special fund (6) _____ (start) in Nobel's name. Every year, Nobel prizes (7) _____ (give) for extraordinary work in science, medicine, literature and the promotion of world peace.

Where is the rice grown?

People usually think that rice (1) _____ (grow) in China. But did you know that there's a place in Spain full of rice fields? They (2) _____ (locate) in north-eastern Spain on the banks of the Ebro Delta at the Riet Vell nature reserve. 300 tonnes of rice (3) _____ (produce) each year. The first rice (4) _____ (plant) here in 2003. Chemicals (5) _____ (not use) in the fields before 2003 so the rice is organic.



When was modern football game started?



For centuries, people had local games where teams competed with a ball, but the rules of our modern game of football (1) _____ (not write) until 1863 in England. Today this exciting and skilful sport (2) _____ (enjoy) all over the world. Every four years thirty-two countries (3) _____ (allow) to compete in the World Cup. The 2015 World Cup (4) _____ (hold) in Brazil, and the matches _____ (watch) by a TV audience of over thirty billion people. The sport (5) _____ (not play) only by men. Women's football is quickly becoming more popular. The first Women's World Cup took place in 1991 in China, where the competition (7) _____ (win) by a team from the United States.

Who doesn't like sweets?



Sweets (1) _____ (love) by people everywhere – and not only by children. At our house, a sweet dessert (2) _____ (enjoy) by the whole family after every meal. My favourite dessert (3) _____ (invent) many years ago – by mistake! One day in 1905, a drink (4) _____ (leave) outside by an eleven-year old boy named Frank Epperson. The drink had a mixing stick in it. It was very cold that night and the drink froze. When the frozen drink (5) _____ (take) out of the cup, it stayed on the stick. That's how the first ice lolly (6) _____ (create). Of course, ice lollies(7) _____ (not sell) in shops immediately. After all, their inventor was only a boy! But eighteen years later, Frank Epperson opened an ice lolly factory. Today, millions of his sweets creations (8) _____ (eat) worldwide.