

TEST UNIT 9 & 10 NAVIGATE PRE-INTERMEDIATE

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READING

1 Read the article and say if the sentences are TRUE or FALSE.

The best inventions

*This week in **Inventor's World**, we asked one reader, Ben Cross, aged 25, to tell us which inventions he thinks have changed our lives the most. Which inventions did he choose? Do you agree with him?*

I work in IT, so I have a close relationship with electrical gadgets! In my opinion, one recent invention that has changed our lives is **the laptop computer**. It allows us to work anywhere, and has made our working lives so much easier. The idea for the first laptop was created by Alan Kay in 1968. Kay wanted to make a personal computer for children to learn computer skills. It was known as the Dynabook. In fact, the Dynabook was never built. But his idea was used by other companies to develop laptops and PCs. The first portable computer in the shops was made by Osborne Computer Corporation in 1981. It was called Osborne 1. I'm too young to remember all this, but my boss told me that the first laptops were very heavy and difficult to carry around. I can't imagine life without my laptop. What did people use to do before they were invented?

It's clear to me that another invention that has changed all our lives is **the electric light bulb**. We can go out or work late in the evening and through the night, if we want to. These extra hours mean that we can do more and be more successful. What would we do if we couldn't go out in the evenings because it was too dark to see? The light bulb wasn't invented recently – it was invented in 1879 by Thomas Edison – but I can't think of another invention that has made such a difference to our lives. The early glass light bulbs were made by hand. Later they were produced by machine, and became cheaper to buy. These days, light bulbs are made in a variety of different types and sizes. They are used in the home, at work, in cars, in torches, on Christmas trees, and so on. Life would be very dark without them.

Read the article again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Ben thinks that the laptop computer has made our lives easier. _____
- 2 The first laptop you could buy was called Osborne 1. _____
- 3 The first PC was invented in 1966. _____

4 The electric light bulb was invented by Stephanie Kwolek. _____
5 Light bulbs are now much cheaper to produce. _____

Complete the text with the verbs in the correct tense

One day a husband and wife (1) _____ (drive) to the countryside to visit their friends when they realized they needed to stop for gas. The man was filling up the car when he (2) _____ (see) a penguin standing by a pump. He (3) _____ (think) it was very strange and when he went to the cashier to pay, he asked, 'why is there a penguin standing next to the pump?' The cashier replied, 'I don't know. It (4) _____ (be) there all morning.' The man replied. 'Well, we can't leave it there, it's too dangerous. He might have an accident. What should I do?' The cashier suggested, 'you should take it to the zoo.' 'That's a good idea,' the man said. 'I (5) _____ (take) him now.' So the man and his wife put the penguin in the car and (6) _____ (drive) away. One week later, the man and his wife (7) _____ (return) to the same garage to fill up the car...and the penguin was still in the car. When the man went to pay, the cashier said to him, 'I thought you (8) _____ (take) the penguin to the zoo.' The man replied, 'we did. It had a really good time so tonight, we are taking him to a fish restaurant.'

Multiple Choice

Complete the sentences with a, b or c.

- 1 I'll call you _____ I wake up.
a before b as soon as c if
- 2 You _____ your exam if you don't study.
a will pass b pass c won't pass
- 3 I want to cook some nice Italian food tomorrow, so could you get me a _____ of black olives a jar b packet c box
- 4 We need a new ⁵ _____ of toothpaste. Just get the usual one.
a tube b packet c box
- 5 Sushi is a Japanese dish and it's basically fish
a spicy b raw c cooked

Writing

Write a covering letter to Mr. Andrews, your Physics professor, and explain why you were absent last week and send a medical certificate. (80 words)

Listening

Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

Listen to a radio programme about the American actress and singer Judy Garland and her daughter, Liza Minnelli. How old were they when they first performed on stage?

Both women...

- 1 were born in the USA.
- 2 changed their names.
- 3 started performing when they were very young.
- 4 sang together at the London Palladium.
- 5 got married more than once