

YOUNG INVENTORS

A 13-year-old Shubham Banerjee is a typical student. At school, his favourite subjects are science and Spanish, and he plays football in his free time. But this teenager from Belgium is also an inventor. His invention, the Braigo 2.0, is a printer. It prints words in Braille, the system of writing for people who can't see. It's called 'Braigo' because it prints in Braille and because Shubham uses Lego to build his inventions.

Shubham wants to help blind people. Braille printers are usually very expensive so many people can't afford them. But Shubham's printer is only \$350. People all over the world can buy one. They can connect it to their computer and when they print a document, they can read it easily.

B Most young people write messages and send emails, but they aren't always friendly messages. Trisha Prabhu, an American schoolgirl, knows this and wants to stop it. Her invention, Rethink, is a computer program to stop cyberbullying.

Young people often write messages quickly. They don't think carefully before they click on 'send'. Rethink is a program that can read messages. It asks people to think before they send a message. Ninety-three percent of people don't send unkind messages when they use this program.

Trisha's mum says that Trisha is always busy. She loves science and in her free time, she sings in a choir and she also writes books. And she's only 14!



Ex 5

Match the underlined words in the article with these definitions.

1 you are this when you have a lot of things to do

2 not friendly or nice

3 people are this when they can't see

4 sending computer messages that aren't nice

5 don't have the money to buy something

Complete the sentences with words from 5.

1 Dogs can help people.

2 We need to use the Internet well and stop

3 That dress is pretty, but it's so expensive. I it.

4 Jesse is always nice. He's never

5 I can't go out this weekend. I'm

Circle the correct alternative.

1 Poor people can/can't buy Braille printers.

2 Shubham's invention is/isn't expensive.

3 Young people often send messages quickly/slowly.

4 With Trisha's invention, they think after/before they send a message.