ESCUELA NORMAL SUPERIOR DE BUCARAMAGA

PFC Programa de Formación Complementaria

TOPIC	Third conditional	LEVEL	English 4	UNIT	11	SKILL	Reading
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READING

1. **What do you know about this invention?**
Read the article.

USEFUL INVENTORY

The Draisian

The Draisian was invented In 1817, the German baron Karl Christian Ludwig Drais von Sauerbronn invented the first two-wheeled vehicle, which he called a walking machine (in German, laufmaschine), the forerunner of the bicycle and motorcycle. This "walking machine" consisted of a kind of two-wheeled cart, placed one behind the other, and a handlebar. Imagine, if Karl hadn't invented the saddle bike, how they could have sat on it to drive it?.



This invention was based on the idea that a person, when walking, wastes a lot of strength by having to alternately shift his weight from one foot to the other. Karl managed to create this simple vehicle that allowed man to avoid that job. Initially named Draisian after its inventor and later more commonly called a velocipede, this machine evolved rapidly.

2. **After Reading**
Choose the correct answer.

- The Draisian was invented in:
  - a. 1816
  - b.1917
  - c. 1817

- What is the nationality of the inventor of the Draisian?
  - a. Italian
  - b. German
  - c. Portuguese

- What did Karl call his invention?
  - a. walking machine
  - b. machine flying
  - c. two wheel machine



3. **Complete the sentences with the correct word.**

A handleber – Bicycle - Velocipede

- The Draisian is commonly called: _____
- This invention was the forerunner of: _____
- The Draisian was made up of two wheels and: _____