THE INVENTION OF GOOGLE



Google is the most popular Internet search engine in the world. It was invented by Larry Page and Sergey Brin. They met in 1995, when they were both studying computer science at Stanford University, USA. They dreamed of producing something that could answer any questions in seconds. Internet search engine at the time were slow and gave many websites that weren' t useful. In January 1996, Page and Brin decided to make a better and faster search engine. They thought the results should be based on the popularity of each website: the most popular ones have the highest number of "weblinks".

Nobody would give them money for their project, so they used their credit cards and bought as much computer memory as possible. They also borrowed money from family and friends. Then, in 1998, they were given a cheque for $100, 000, and they started their own company. The company name Google comes from mathematics. A " googol" is a very high number - 1 followed by a hundred zeros.

The Google search engine was soon used by thousands of people worldwide because it was fast, easy and accurate.

By 2002 it was the biggest search engine on Internet. Now, more questions have been answered by Google than any other Internet service, from sport to science, and from music to medicine.

Google hopes that in the future all the world's information will be put on the Internet, so that everybody can find everything.

I.Read the text and answer the questions.

1.Who made the invitation?

2.Were there any problems in the beginning?

3.What are important dates in its history?

4.How useful is the invitation now?Give an example.

5.What could happen with it in the future?