

a. Read. True or false.

The Invention Of Umbrellas

It seems natural to open an umbrella when it rains. But actually the umbrella was not **invented** for **protection** against rain. It was first used as a shade against the sun. *Nobody knows* who first invented it, but the umbrella was used in very ancient times. The first people to use it were **probably** the Chinese in the *eleventh century B.C.* The umbrella spread to ancient Egypt and Babylon. At that time it was a **symbol** of honor and **authority**, the umbrella was only for **royalty** or by those in high offices.

It is believed that the first people to use the umbrella as protection against rain were the *ancient Romans*.

During the Middle Ages, 1100-1500 AD in Europe, the use of the umbrella disappeared completely. Then it appeared again in *Italy* in the *late sixteenth century*. By 1680, the umbrella was used in France and later in England.

By the eighteenth century, the umbrella was used against rain in most of Europe and started to become popular worldwide. Umbrellas have not changed much in style during all this time; however, it wasn't until the *twentieth century* that umbrellas began to be made in a **variety** of colors.

1. The umbrella wasn't invented for protection against rain.
2. It was used as a shade against the sun.
3. The first people to use umbrellas were probably the French.
4. The first people to use the umbrella as a protection against rain were the ancient Romans.
5. By the eighteenth century, the umbrella started to become popular worldwide.
6. Now umbrellas are made in a variety of colors.

Vocabulary

Against: contra

Shade: sombra

Spread: propagarse

b. Match.

tablet

wireless mouse

camera



smartphone

headphones

laptop computer

c. Answer about the future. Give reasons for your decisions.

Will people still (aún) use bikes five years from now?

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Will people still use cookers ten years from now?

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Will people still use smartphones 100 years from now?

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Will people use keyboard jeans next year?

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d. Think of different electronic devices and answer the questions.

Which electronic device is most useful for taking photos?

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Which gadget is best for doing your homework?

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e. Make predictions about the future. Use WILL and WON'T.

1. use computer eyeglasses/ use desktop computers

People.....

2. buy things online/ buy things in the shops

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3. use tablets/ use dictionaries

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4. have cars/ have flying suits

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f. Make more predictions about the future. Use NO ONE, SOMEONE OR EVERYONE.

Who will use robots to study?.....

Who will use pet training apps?.....

Who will use smartphones?.....

Who will have flying suits?.....

Who will have driverless cars?.....

Who will buy online?.....

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