



## 1 LISTENING

a Look at the photos. Five of these things were invented by women. In pairs, decide which five you think they are.

b (437)) Now listen to a radio program about inventions. Were you right? Complete the sentences with the invention.

- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ was invented by Josephine Cochrane in 1886.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ were invented by Mary Anderson in 1903.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ were invented by Marion Donovan in 1950.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ was invented by Bette Nesmith Graham in 1956.
- 5 The \_\_\_\_\_ was invented by Stephanie Kwolek in 1966.

Connect the boxes to form full sentences in Passive Voice.

The dishwasher	is called	white-out today.
Disposable diapers	was invented	by Marion Donovan.
More than 55 million diapers	are protected	every day.
Ms. Graham's invention	were invented	by the bullet-proof vest.
Police officers all over the world	are used	by an American woman.

# Did you know...?

## 3 READING & VOCABULARY

verbs: *invent, discover, etc.*

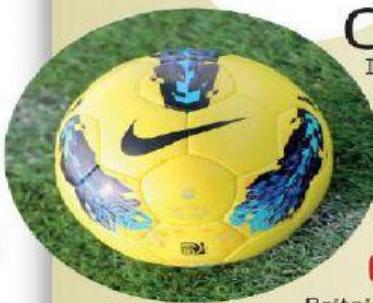
a Match the verbs to the dictionary definitions.

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1 \_\_\_\_\_ verb to find or learn something for the first time  
e.g., *DNA was - in 1953.*  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ verb to make something using something else as a starting point, e.g., *This movie is - on a true story.*  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ verb to draw a plan that shows how to make something, e.g., *The building was - by a Brazilian architect.*  
4 \_\_\_\_\_ verb to make or think of something for the first time, e.g., *Who - the bicycle?*

b Complete the "Did you know...?" text with the past participle of a verb from the list.

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invent open play show use



One of the most famous logos in the world is the **Nike** logo. It was <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by an American student, Carolyn Davidson, in 1971. Ms. Davidson was only paid \$35 for her design. However, she was later <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a gold ring in the shape of the logo and Nike shares.

**Canned food** was <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in 1810 in Britain by Peter Durand. Unfortunately, he did not also invent a can opener, so cans were <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with difficulty using a knife and a hammer. It wasn't until almost 50 years later that the American Ezra Warner invented the can opener.

**W**hen people at toy company Parker Brothers were first <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the board game - **Monopoly**, they were not interested. They said it had 52 fundamental errors, including taking too long to play. However, a few days later, the company president saw the game and took it home to try it. He stayed up until 1 a.m. to finish playing it, and the next day he wrote to the inventor, Charles Darrow, and offered to buy it!

**T**he modern game of **golf** was invented in Scotland in the 18th century. It was originally only <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by men, and was <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ "golf" because of the rule **Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden**. This is how the word **golf** entered into the English language.

**Botox** was first <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the early 1980s to correct strabismus (lazy eye) in children. The possibility of using it to make people's faces look younger was only <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 20 years later.

**T**he character Gregory House in the hit TV series **House, M.D.** is <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on Conan Doyle's detective Sherlock Holmes. Like Holmes, House uses his intelligence and knowledge of psychology to solve cases. House's relationship with his friend Dr. James Wilson is similar to that between Holmes and his friend, Dr. John Watson, and the address on his driving licence is 221B Baker St., a direct reference to Holmes's address.