

Invented by accident

1. Read the following paragraph.

In 1945, Percy Spencer, an engineer, was working for the Raytheon Corporation. He was experimenting with a new vacuum tube called a magnetron. One day while he was working near the magnetrons that produced microwaves, a candy bar in his pocket began to melt. He was curious about that event, so he tried another experiment with popcorn. He put near the magnetrons, and it began to pop. The next morning, he brought an egg and invited another engineer to observe the experiment. He was watching the experiment when the egg exploded in his face. Spencer immediately saw the potential in this revolutionary process.

2. What is the invention described in the previous paragraph?



3. Decide if the sentences are true "T" or false "F".

- a. Percy Spencer was studying at the Raytheon Corporation
TRUE / FALSE
- b. Percy Spencer wasn't trying to cook popcorn.
TRUE / FALSE
- c. Percy Spencer was working near the magnetrons, when a chocolate began to melt.
TRUE / FALSE
- d. Spencer's colleague wasn't cooking an egg, when it exploded in his face.
TRUE / FALSE