

Reading comprehension

Throughout history, people have invented some incredibly bizarre gadgets. For example, the 'Butter Stick' allows you to apply butter as if it were a glue stick, making it easy to spread on toast. Another odd invention is the 'Pet Petter', a device that automatically pets your pet. This is perfect for busy pet owners who want their pets to feel loved even when they are not around. The 'Toilet Golf' is another peculiar invention; it lets you practice your putting skills while sitting on the toilet. These inventions may seem strange, but they show how creativity has no limits. Some of these inventions might make you laugh, but others might make you think twice about what counts as practical or ridiculous.

Questions:

1. What is the Butter Stick and how is it used?
2. Why might the Pet Petter be useful for some people?
3. What is the purpose of the Toilet Golf?
4. What do these inventions demonstrate about creativity?

Grammar: Future Tenses

Explanation:

- ✓ Future Simple (will): Predictions, promises.
- ✓ Be going to: Plans, intentions, predictions based on evidence.
- ✓ Future Continuous: Actions in progress at a specific future time.
- ✓ Future Perfect: Actions completed by a specific future time.

Examples:

- ✓ "I will invent something strange one day."
- ✓ "I am going to create a new gadget."
- ✓ "By this time next year, I will be selling my invention."
- ✓ "By 2025, I will have launched my invention."

Complete the sentences with the correct future tense.

1. By next month, I _____ (finish) designing my new invention.
2. This time tomorrow, I _____ (present) my idea to investors.
3. I _____ (create) something amazing in the future.
4. I _____ (show) you my prototype next week.

Using the different futures tenses.

Tell me about your plans for developing a new invention using all the future tenses (Future Simple, Be going to, Future Continuous, Future Perfect). Use the prompts below to help you.

- ✓ What will you invent?
- ✓ How are you going to develop it?
- ✓ What will you be doing this time next year?

- ✓ What will you have achieved by the end of next year?

Now, think of a weird invention and describe it. Now describe an invention that you think would be both weird and useful. Explain how it works and why people might need it."