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PREPARING TO LISTEN

1 You are going to listen to a museum tour about inventions in the Middle Ages. Before you listen, read the definitions. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in bold.

design (v) to make or draw plans for something
develop (v) to make something over a period of time
device (n) a piece of equipment that is used for a specific purpose
diagram (n) a simple picture that shows how something works or what it looks like
discover (v) to find information, a place, or an object, especially for the first time
invent (v) to create something that had never been made before
scientific (adj) relating to the study of science
technology (n) knowledge, equipment, and method used in science and industry

1 Al-Jazari _____ machines to help with farming. He made drawings and gave detailed descriptions of how to build these machines.
2 _____ research has proven that genes can affect our health.
3 Scientists hope to someday _____ a cure for cancer.
4 The Chinese _____ gunpowder and used it for weapons.
5 A baby monitor is a _____ that lets parents watch their baby when they're in a different room.
6 The Wright brothers _____ the airplane in 1903.
7 This _____ isn't very clear. I can't figure out how to put this together!
8 Modern _____ such as computers and cell phones have changed our lives.

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