

Inventions

Reading and Understanding

3 Read and answer.

Read this e-mail from a member of the IKC.
Answer the questions below.
Write the answers into your exercise book.

To: maha@ikc.com
From: maria@ikc.com
Subject: Back to school!



Dear Maha,

I got your e-mail yesterday. Thanks for the pictures of your holiday. I had a great holiday too. I went to Mexico with my mum and dad.

I started school again last week. My class is doing a great project this semester all about inventions. It's really interesting.

On Wednesday, I went with my school to a museum in Washington DC called the Inventors' Hall of Fame. It's a great museum with lots of things to do and see. I learned about people who invented things like the first telephone, the first computer, the first aeroplane and the first electric light bulb.

Next week, we're going to visit a computer company called Invento Tech to learn how they invent new things. It should be really interesting.

Are you back at school yet? Write and let me know.

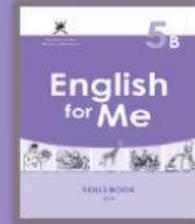
Bye!

Maria

- 1 Who is the e-mail to?
- 2 Where did Maria go on holiday?
- 3 What is Maria's school project about?
- 4 Which museum did Maria visit on Wednesday?
- 5 When is Maria going to visit Invento Tech?

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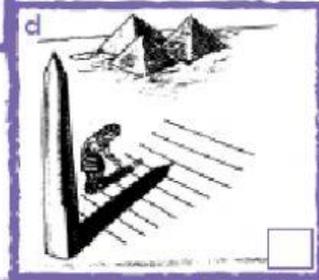
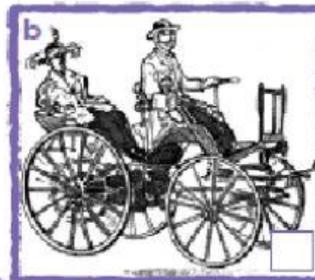
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1 Read and match.

Look at these pictures of inventors and inventions. Match each one to the information below. Write the number into the correct box.



- The first clock was a sun clock. Somebody in Egypt invented this clock in about 3500 BC, but we don't know the inventor's name. A sun clock was a very tall tower. People could tell the time by looking at the shadow the tower made on the ground.
- An Arab called Al Idrisi made the first globe in about 1100 in Spain. The globe was a huge ball of silver and it was very heavy. It weighed 400 kilogrammes.
- Charles Babbage and his friend, Ada Byron, invented the first computer in about 1830 in England. Early computers were very big. They filled a whole room. The first computers were like calculators. They could only do mathematics.
- Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in Canada in 1876. Alexander Graham Bell was a teacher. He taught deaf children in a special school. He wanted to help people communicate, so he invented the telephone.
- Karl Benz was a German. In 1885 in Germany, he invented the first car that used petrol. In 1886 another German called Gottlieb Daimler invented a better car. Early cars had big, thin wheels and they moved very slowly.

2 Read and answer.

Read the texts in Activity 1 again.
Answer the questions as quickly as possible.
Write the answers on the lines below.

- 1 Who invented the first globe?
- 2 Who invented the telephone?
- 3 Where was the sun clock invented?
- 4 When was the first car invented?
- 5 What did Charles Babbage invent?

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