

Model. I think the wheel is an important invention, because ...

Grammar Focus

Article with inventions and means of communication

- Read the examples and complete the rule, using the words from the box.

The wheel is one of the most important inventions, because it made life much faster. **Photography** is also very important, because it helps people to remember the best moments in their lives. **Theatre, cinema, radio, television** have made our life full of emotions, adventure and fun. Finally, **the mobile phone, the computer** and **the Internet** are ruining the borders between different countries and turning the huge world into a small place called Earth.

concrete abstract

The definite article ‘the’ is usually used with inventions, including means of communication, associated with singular ... nouns.

Usually **NO article** is used with inventions, including means of communication, associated with singular ... nouns.



Read the rule (p. 285) and check your answers.

3a. You can find the missing inventions in the pictures (ex. 2). Match them with the years.

3b. Read the definitions below and match them with the missing inventions. What do all these inventions have in common?

- 1) a global system of computer **networks** (systems of **communication** between several computers) which consists of millions of private, public, business and government networks;
- 2) a telecommunication **device** for speaking to someone which sends an electric signal (sound) along a **wire** to a similar device;