

Passive: Inventors and Inventions

A good or a bad invention?



Our lives ⁽¹⁾ _____ (~~make~~) better every day thanks to inventions. But sometimes, inventions can make our lives worse. This can happen when an invention ⁽²⁾ _____ (~~not use~~) according to the inventor's plan. For example, Alfred Nobel, a Swedish scientist, invented a strong explosive in 1867. It ⁽³⁾ _____ (~~call~~) dynamite and it revolutionized the world of engineering. After its invention, many bridges, tunnels and other structures ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (~~build~~) with the help of dynamite. However, dynamite ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (~~also, use~~) to kill people in wars. This upset Nobel. Before his death, Nobel decided to use the money from his famous invention to make the world a better place. A special fund ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (~~start~~) in Nobel's name. Every year, Nobel prizes ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (~~give~~) for extraordinary work in science, medicine, literature and the promotion of world peace.



Where is the rice grown?



People usually think that rice ⁽¹⁾ _____ (~~grow~~) in China. But did you know that there's a place in Spain full of rice fields? They ⁽²⁾ _____ (~~locate~~) in north-eastern Spain on the banks of the Ebro Delta at the Riet Vell nature reserve. 300 tonnes of rice ⁽³⁾ _____ (~~produce~~) each year. The first rice ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (~~plant~~) here in 2003. Chemicals ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (~~not use~~) in the fields before 2003 so the rice is organic. Lots of birds ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (~~help~~) by the rice fields, including herons and flamingos. The rice ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (~~buy~~) by many countries, including Germany. In 2004 the rice ⁽⁸⁾ _____ (~~give~~) an organic food award.