3 READING & VOCABULARY

verbs: *invent, discover,* etc.

a Match the verbs to the dictionary definitions.

base	design	discover	invent

1 _____ *verb* to find or learn something for the first time, e.g., *DNA was ~ in 1953.*

2 _____ *verb* to make something using something else as a starting point, e.g., *This movie is ~ on a true story.*

3 _____ *verb* to draw a plan that shows how to make something, e.g., *The building was ~ by a Brazilian architect.*

4 _____ *verb* to make or think of something for the first time, e.g., *Who ~ the bicycle?*

b Complete the "Did you know...?" text with the past participle of a verb from the list.

base	call	design	discover	give
invent	open	play	show	use

Did you know...?



One of the most famous logos in the world is the **Nike** logo. It was [1]_____ by an American student, Carolyn Davidson, in 1971. Ms. Davidson was only paid $35 for her design. However, she was later [2]_____ a gold ring in the shape of the logo and Nike shares.

Canned food was [3]_____ in 1810 in Britain by Peter Durand. Unfortunately, he did not also invent a can opener, so cans were [4]_____ with difficulty using a knife and a hammer. It wasn't until almost 50 years later that the American Ezra Warner invented the can opener.



When people at toy company Parker Brothers were first [5]_____ the board game - **Monopoly**, they were not interested. They said it had 52 fundamental errors, including taking too long to play. However, a few days later, the company president saw the game and took it home to try it. He stayed up until 1 a.m. to finish playing it, and the next day he wrote to the inventor, Charles Darrow, and offered to buy it!

The modern game of **golf** was invented in Scotland in the 18th century. It was originally only [6]_____ by men, and was [7]_____ "golf" because of the rule **G**entlemen **O**nly **L**adies **F**orbidden. This is how the word *golf* entered into the English language.

Botox was first [8]_____ in the early 1980s to correct strabismus (lazy eye) in children. The possibility of using it to make people's faces look younger was only [9]_____ 20 years later.

The character Gregory House in the hit TV series **House, M.D.** is [10]_____ on Conan Doyle's detective Sherlock Holmes. Like Holmes, House uses his intelligence and knowledge of psychology to solve cases. House's relationship with his friend Dr. James Wilson is similar to that between Holmes and his friend, Dr. John Watson, and the address on his driving licence is 221B Baker St., a direct reference to Holmes's address.

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