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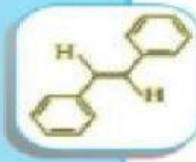
2 Great Arab inventions and inventors.

Read the following report. Find four passive sentences and write them in activity 1 on page 26 of your Skills Book. When you have finished, answer the questions in activity 2 on page 26 of your Skills Book.



This report is about Arab inventions and inventors in history. The Internet was used to get information. This report starts by looking at inventions of the past and then goes on to look at inventions of the present.

Many centuries ago, Arab inventors changed the world with their amazing inventions. The globe was invented by Al Idrisi in 1100 and the process of using stones to make glass was discovered by Ibn Firnas. The world of Science and ocean travel was completely changed by the invention of the compass. This was invented by Arabs to help Muslims find the Qibla for prayers.



It is true to say that we usually think of Arab inventors of the past but there are many great Arab inventors who are alive now and helping to change our world. For example, the world's fastest camera was invented by Professor Ahmed Zewail from Egypt. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1999 for his invention. The camera uses lasers to take pictures of chemical reactions. Another important invention is the "Test-Fast-Tera" machine. It was invented by an Egyptian woman called Dr. Ferial Tera in 1986. This machine tests the effect of the sun on the colours of different materials.



Arab inventions have helped to make the world a better place. With such a great history and a wonderful present, the future looks bright for Arab inventions in the 21st Century.

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Read the report on page 26 of your Classbook and answer these questions using full sentences.

1 How many paragraphs are there?

2 Which paragraph is about Arab inventions of the past?

3 What was invented to help find the Qibla for prayers?

4 Which paragraph is about present Arab inventions?

5 Who invented the "Test-Fast-Tera" machine?

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The Wrong Right Inventor

1 When Intissar was little, she liked collecting things. While most other girls her age liked collecting badges, shells or rocky beads, Intissar liked collecting plastic, cloth, wood, metal, sticks, balloons, elastic bands and springs. This made some of her friends really worried because it wasn't usual for girls of Intissar's age to collect junk and scrap.

"I think we should take her to the doctor," said her brother. "Maybe we should take her to the doctor. There's no queen left in her room," said her sister.

"No," said her parents with worried expressions on their faces. "This is her hobby and we shouldn't upset her."

"Why don't you go her to make something with all these things?" said Intissar's grandmother.

"Yes, she can be an inventor," said Intissar's grandfather. So that is what they did!

2 One day, her brother went to Intissar and asked her to make something that would make his bicycle move faster. Intissar used some of the junk to make a motor and carefully attached it to the pedals so his brother wouldn't have to pedal anymore. At first, this was fine and Intissar's brother was really happy, but then one day the motor stopped working properly. Sometimes, the bicycle would move fast, then sometimes it would move slowly and then sometimes it wouldn't move at all.

"Your invention's so good," said Intissar's brother. "It's all wrong!"

3 Intissar was sad, but she didn't give up. So when her class started to make something to show her parents, Intissar used a piece of wood, some metal springs and a few bits and pieces from an old tape recorder to make a musical jewellery box. Intissar's sister was really happy when she saw the bit of the box got stuck and all her jewellery was trapped inside.

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4 Intissar was sad, but she didn't give up. Then her parents asked her to make something to help clean the floor, so she invented a machine out of an old bag and some kitchen pipes to suck up all the rubbish from the floor. Once again she showed her for the first time, but once again the machine went wrong. Instead of sucking up the rubbish, it started to blow the rubbish all over the room.

Intissar began to cry. "My invention's so good," they're all wrong! she said with tears in her eyes. "That's wrong, Intissar," said her parents. "We're sure you'll get better."

5 A few days later, Intissar's brother was playing with his friends in the street. They were having a race on their bicycles, trying to see who was the fastest in their street. It was some going to be Intissar's brother's turn and he had been working hard with Intissar to make sure that the motor would work so he could win the race. Then they were off and Intissar's brother took the lead. Down went the bicycle, getting further and further ahead of the other bicycles in the race. Intissar's brother was really happy because he was going to win. He started to cheer to his friends.

"Watch out!" they all shouted at him.

Intissar's brother turned round and shouted, "Look! Oh no!" and tried to turn his bicycle to his brother's crash into the post, but it was too late. They crashed, the motor went CRUNCH, CRUNCH and CRASH CRASH!

The engine stopped, the bicycle stopped and he had the gear was stuck. Brother shouted, "Intissar!" and went running up to Intissar's brother, shouting because he had not crashed into the post. The post was, "What?" and she was away.

But Intissar was worried that her brother would be unhappy because the motor had stopped working and he had lost the race. So Intissar walked slowly up to her brother. When she arrived, she found her, surrounded by children. He was smiling and said to Intissar, "Your invention isn't wrong. It's right!"

6 The next day, Intissar's family were watching the news on TV when she announced that a small pet monkey had recently escaped from a private zoo. The monkey should be reported to the police. Suddenly, there was a loud CRASH and finally a CRUNCH noise coming from Intissar's sister's bedroom. Intissar ran into the bedroom and found the chair broken, the lamp in pieces on the floor and her clothes lying in a mess by the bed. Everyone was shocked. They looked up at the dining table and saw two bright eyes and hairy hands.

"A monkey?" they all shouted.

7 The monkey had climbed through the window and was trying to open the nearest jewellery box Intissar had made for her sister. Of course, the monkey couldn't open the box, because the box was stuck. The monkey was trying to lift the box against the table and had managed to knock over all the things in the bedroom.

"Quickly, it's the escaped monkey. Let's try to catch it," shouted Intissar's father. Intissar's sister quickly grabbed the box and ran to her room. Intissar's brother grabbed the nearest Intissar had invented for her parents. Again instead of sucking, the machine started to blow and make a BEEPING noise. The escaped monkey thought the machine was a snake and ran away. Intissar's father placed the pieces to let them know that they had seen the escaped monkey. Meanwhile the rest of the family helped clean up the mess in the bedroom.

"You know Intissar, your invention stopped the monkey from taking the jewellery. Your invention's not wrong. It's all right!" said Intissar's sister with a smile on her face.

And your cleaning machine makes a great monkey snore. Your invention's not wrong. It's all right!" added Intissar's mother.

8 Intissar never stopped collecting things and she never stopped making inventions. Sometimes they worked, sometimes they didn't and sometimes they did things they weren't meant to do. But whatever happened, Intissar never gave up.

1 Read and think.

Quickly read the following sentences. Then, look at the numbered paragraphs from the Wrong Right Inventor story on pages 27 and 28 of your Classbook. Then, decide which of the following sentences best describes each paragraph. Write the number of the paragraph in the space provided.

- Intissar carried on making inventions.
- There was a bicycle race.
- She made a cleaner for her parents.
- The monkey was holding the box.
- Intissar liked collecting things.
- A monkey had escaped from a private zoo.
- The musical jewellery box didn't open.
- She made a motor for the

2 True or false?

The following sentences are about the Wrong Right Inventor story. Quickly read through the story, and decide if the sentences are true or false. Then circle the correct answer.

- Intissar is a girl who likes collecting shells and toys. true false
- Intissar's grandparents think Intissar should become an inventor. true false
- Intissar makes a musical box for her mother. true false
- Intissar's parents think she will become better at inventing. true false
- Intissar's brother nearly hits a camel. true false
- The family catch the escaped monkey using the cleaner. true false