

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES AND INVENTIONS

a. Choose the correct option.

1. 2,000 years ago, while he took / was taking a bath Archimedes discovered / was discovering the principles of density
2. While Edouard Benedictus, a French scientist, worked / was working in his laboratory, he dropped / was dropping a glass bottle which had some plastic inside- and invited / was inventing safety glass in 1903.
3. In 1928 Alexander Fleming discovered / was discovering penicillin by accident while he looked / was looking at some old experiments.
4. Christopher Columbus arrived / was arriving in America in 1492 while he tried / was trying to reach the Far East

b. Complete the sentences using the verbs in box in the correct tense (past simple or past continuous).

make / sit / try / understand / observe / fall / discover / realize / climb

5. When Isaac Newton _____ gravity in 1687, he _____ under an apple tree and an apple _____ on his head.
6. While Hiram Bingham _____ the mountains of Peru in 1911, he _____ the lost city of Macchu Picchu.
7. In 1942 while Dr. Harry Coover _____ to invent a new kind of plastic, he _____ a very soft substance which stuck things together. It was superglue.
8. When Galileo _____ that the Moon had mountains and craters in 1609, he _____ it through his telescope.