

Matura bez problemu – zadania tekstowe 1

Przeczytaj tekst. Po każdym akapicie zdecyduj, czy zdania podane poniżej wyrażają prawdę - 'true', czy fałsz - 'false'.

There is a spark of innovation in all of us. It is one of those things about being human. We have bright ideas some time or another finding something new or how to do things better. There are those who have enough determination to carry their idea through right to the end. However, all innovators, as we call them, experience successes and failures along the way.

a) Most innovators achieve great successes.

Take the example of Branco Bobic - famous for inventing a device for putting out oil wells after the Gulf War. Branco has lost his home, business and life savings when he failed to attract manufacturers attention. He has learned the hard way just as many others have.

b) Branco Bobic became a millionaire after selling his invention to oil producers.

Trevor Boylis, for instance, invented the clockwork radio which he designed for use in Africa where batteries are expensive or simply hard to obtain. No producers had agreed to buy his patent until his appearance on TV.

c) Investors only bought Trevor Boylis' clockwork radio when he showed it on television.

Iris Whyte has designed a plastic potty which is equipped with a moisture-activated device that speaks to an infant being toilet-trained. This novelty is supposed to help teach the child. So far, Iris has not been successful in selling her innovative idea.

d) Iris Whyte has designed an innovative product for little children who still cannot use the toilet.

Another serious inventor, Joshua Silver, has had an idea for cheap, comfortable spectacles for poor people in developing countries. Although his invention might contribute to a considerable improvement in the quality of life for billions of people, there is nobody willing to put the device into production. So, he still manufactures his spectacles himself in his garage.

e) Joshua Silver's invention has helped billions of poor people with eyesight problems.

All these individuals have had to learn what persistence and patience mean. Even if they have not quite made it, they are convinced success is not far away.