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BAND-AIDS

Earle Dickson was a man who bought cotton. He had a big job. He traveled to many places to work. He worked for a big company.

His wife liked to cook. She cut herself many times. Earle was getting tired of her cutting her fingers when he was not home. He had an idea.

Earle made a small, thin strip. He made it so that it was easy to put on a cut. It was small. It was sterile and did not have germs. If he was not home, his wife could put it on by herself.

She liked the strips. They stayed on her fingers, and they were easy to use. She could put them on by herself.

Earl told his boss. His boss liked the strips, too. They called them Band-Aids[®]. In 1920, they sold them to the public. People all over liked them, too. They worked. They came in many sizes. Band-Aids were born!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. Why did Earle make Band-Aids?
 - a. He didn't like blood.
 - b. He was in the car most of the time.
 - c. His wife kept cutting her fingers.
 - d. He had a lot of money.
2. "Band-Aids were born!" means that . . .
 - a. Earle had a good idea. Other people could use his idea, too.
 - b. They were born at the hospital.
 - c. Band Aids is the name of a boy.
 - d. None of these.
3. A **synonym** is a word that means the same thing. *Tired* is another word for . . .

a. jumpy.	c. sad.
b. worn out.	d. happy.