

5 fun products you've got to get!

TASK 1 Listen to the article. Write the following abbreviated names of the products next to each statement: Scooter, Jacket, Boot, Pillow, Cup. 

1. The weight of this product is about 1/3 kg.
2. It can travel at speeds of up to 20 km/h.
3. With this product, you won't spill your coffee.
4. It was designed by an inventor from Japan.
5. It isolates you from the world.

TASK 2 What is the purpose of the 5 fun products? Read the article again and complete the sentences with up to 3 words.

6. The suitcase scooter can be used to _____.
7. When you wear an air-conditioned cooling jacket, you can avoid _____.
8. Buy a collapsible boot and you will never have a problem with _____.
9. The Ostrich Pillow allows you _____ any noise around you.
10. Don't try _____ your vehicle with a hot drink if you haven't got a Mobile Cup Holder.

TASK 3 Read the description of some words from the article. Identify and write them on the line.

11. a bag for carrying things when you travel: _____
12. if you do this with 2 objects, object A will become object B: _____
13. the device on a machine or vehicle that you use to stop it or slow it down: _____
14. an electrical device that blows cool air: _____
15. if you do this with an object, you make it smaller by pushing down on it: _____
16. to travel to and from work: _____
17. to go somewhere quickly: _____
18. if object A is this, you can move it in or out of object B: _____
19. the part of a bag that you hold: _____

TASK 4 Imagine you are writing an article about strange inventions. Choose one of the pictures and describe it to your readers.



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VIDEO



Watch the Suitcase Scooter in action. Search YouTube for "Rideable suitcase scooter invented in China".

TASK 5 Watch the video and answer the questions. [Click HERE.](#)

1. What makes the Suitcase Scooter move? _____
2. How long can it work with one charging? _____
3. How many advantages does the inventor mention? _____

4. How did the idea come to the inventor? _____
5. How many Chinese Yuans will it cost? _____



Have you seen any unusual products lately? *The Daily Mail* recently featured a selection of imaginative new inventions. Here are a few of them.

The Suitcase Scooter

The Suitcase Scooter is a suitcase that can be converted into an electric scooter. It has a speed of up to about 20 km/h, and it was designed by Chinese Inventor He Liangcai. The scooter includes a throttle, brakes, lights, a GPS, a horn and a theft alarm, and has enough power to travel up to a distance of about 60 kilometres.



The Air-Conditioned Cooling Jacket

The Kuchofuku Air-Conditioned Cooling Jacket comes with two small battery-powered fans which blow cool air around your body. Designed by Hiroshi Ichigaya of Japan, the jacket allows you to stay cool with two 10-cm fans which are built into the pockets of the jacket.



The Collapsible Boot



You never know when you might need a pair of sturdy boots. But the problem is they just take up so much luggage space. But not any longer. Lems Boulder Boots weigh about 300 grams and are the lightest boots in the world. Made of nylon and leather, they can be squashed down and easily stuffed into a bag.

The Ostrich Pillow

The Ostrich Pillow can completely isolate you from the outside world. It's perfect if you're waiting for a flight or commuting home from work as you can shut off all surrounding noise. The strange-looking pillow was designed by Key Portilla-Kawamura and Ali Ganjavian of Studio Banana.



The Mobile Cup Holder



Have you ever tried rushing to catch a plane or train with a cup of hot coffee in your hands? With the Mobile Cup Holder, you can move at great speed without spilling your drink. The drinks holder was invented by emergency room nurse Karen Porte. The device fits onto most roller luggage and holds the cup between the retractable handles.

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