



Inventions and Machines

Simple Past & Time Expressions



1 WORD BANK

Look at the pictures and write the correct word from the box under each one.

wheel • printing press • steam engine •
telephone • light bulb • automobile • airplane



2 PRACTICE: ORDER THE SENTENCES

Write the sentences in their correct order.

1 invented / the wheel / people / the past.

2 Gutenberg / the printing press / developed / in 1440.

3 improved / James Watt / the steam engine.

4 the telephone / Bell / in 1876 / patented.

5 Edison / the light bulb / invented / in 1879.

6 Benz / the automobile / in 1886 / created.

7 the Wright brothers / the airplane / in 1903 / flew.

3 PRONUNCIATION

Listen and repeat. Then, record your own voice saying the verbs and sentences in simple past.



Verb (base form)	Simple Past	Pronunciation
go	went	
see	saw	
make	made	
have	had	
do	did	
visit	visited	
watch	watched	
study	studied	



Now listen and record your voice.

- The verbs.
- The sentences.
- Follow the pronunciation.



4 LISTENING



Listen to the audio and answer the questions.

- What invention did the girl talk about?
- Who invented it?
- When was it invented?
- What problem did it solve?
- Name two other inventions mentioned in the audio.
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5 TIME EXPRESSIONS + SIMPLE PAST

Complete the sentences with the simple past form of the verb and the correct time expression.

yesterday – last night – last summer – last weekend – in 1879 – two days ago

- I _____ (visit) Paris _____.
- She _____ (see) a new movie _____.
- We _____ (go) to the beach _____.
- He _____ (make) a great invention _____.
- They _____ (do) their homework _____.
- I _____ (watch) a documentary _____.

Past actions
create a better
future!

