

1. Look at the table and write full sentences below.

Camera	Calculator	Car	Telephone	Radio
200 years ago	1642	End of 19 th century	1876	1896

1. The camera was invented 200 years ago.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.

2. Can you guess what these things are?

1. It is a machine to wash and clean clothes. _____
2. It is a machine to clean the dust and dirt from the carpet. _____
3. It is a machine to help us do calculations. It is very small. _____
4. It is a machine to take pictures. _____
5. We use it to write. It is not a pen. It was invented more than 400 years ago. _____

3. Read the text then say whether the sentences below are *True* or *False*.

The first radio was invented by an Italian called Guglielmo Marconi. He was born in Bologna, Italy, in 1874. In the beginning, people didn't think that Marconi's invention was important. They didn't think that the radio could change people's lives. Today the radio is one of the most important inventions in our lives and millions of people around the world listen to the radio.

1. The radio is not very important. _____
2. Marconi was born in New York. _____
3. Many people liked his invention. _____
4. Marconi invented the radio. _____
5. Today people don't listen to the radio. _____

Teacher's notes

Language focus: Passive, and 'inventions' vocabulary
Time (approx.): 8-10 minutes
Preparation: Photocopy one worksheet for each student

- Using the worksheet:**
- This sheet revises the past passive and vocabulary connected with inventions. It can be used in class or for homework
 - In Exercise 1, students have to use the information in the box to complete the sentences. They should write when each thing was invented, following the written example.
 - In the Exercise 2, students revise vocabulary by reading the definitions and writing the name of the objects.
 - In Exercise 3, students read the text about Marconi and then say if the sentences are *true* or *false*.

Answers:

Exercise 1

1. The camera was invented 200 years ago.
2. The calculator was invented in 1642.
3. The car was invented at the end of the 19th century.
4. The telephone was invented in 1876.
5. The radio was invented in 1896.

Exercise 2

1. washing machine
2. vacuum cleaner
3. calculator
4. camera
5. pencil

Exercise 3

1. false
2. false
3. false
4. true
5. false

- Additional ideas:**
- Give the students some basic information about other inventions and see if they can produce a short passage like the one is the worksheet.