



Famous Inventions That Changed the World

Article: *Famous Inventions That Changed the World*

Have you ever thought about what life would be like without electricity, the internet, or even the wheel? Throughout history, some inventions have completely changed the way we live, work, and communicate.

The lightbulb, for example, allowed people to work and study after dark. It was **invented by Thomas Edison** in the late 1800s and is still used today in every home and office. Another life-changing invention is the airplane, which was **developed by the Wright brothers**. It made global travel possible in hours rather than weeks.

Modern inventions, like smartphones and computers, have made it easier to stay connected with people from all over the world. Thanks to the internet — an invention that started in the 1960s and grew rapidly; we can learn, shop, or even attend class from the comfort of home.

Some inventions are simple but powerful. Think of the bicycle, which is still one of the most-used transportation tools on Earth. Or paper, which was invented in China over 2,000 years ago and completely transformed education and communication.

Inventions continue to shape our future. Maybe the next big idea will come from someone just like you!





Vocabulary Practice:

Word	Meaning	Example Sentence
Invention	A new thing created to solve a problem	The mobile phone is one of the most popular inventions.
Transform	To change completely	The internet transformed how we communicate.
Revolutionary	Very new and changing everything	The smartphone was a revolutionary invention.
Global	Relating to the whole world	Global communication is faster now than ever.
Inventor	A person who creates something new	Thomas Edison was a famous inventor.

Pronunciation Focus

Practice saying these clearly:

- Invention
- Revolutionary
- Communication
- Global
- Inventor



Grammar Focus 1: Passive Voice (Past)

The passive voice is used when the focus is on the action, not who did it.

Form:

→ Object + *was/were* + past participle

- The lightbulb **was invented** by Edison.
- The airplane **was developed** in the 1900s.
- Paper **was used** for writing thousands of years ago.

Mini Practice:

Change to passive voice:

1. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. →
2. People used paper for messages. →
3. The Wright brothers built the first airplane. →

Grammar Focus 2: Relative Clauses (who / that / which)

Used to add information about nouns:

- Edison, **who** invented the lightbulb, changed the world.
- The airplane, **which** was built in 1903, made travel faster.
- A computer is a machine **that** helps you process data.

Mini Practice:

Complete the sentence

1. The internet is something _____ lets us connect.
2. Tesla is a company _____ creates electric cars.
3. A scientist is someone _____ does experiments.

Comprehension Questions

1. Why was the lightbulb an important invention?
2. What are some modern inventions mentioned in the article?
3. How did the internet change daily life?
4. What is a simple but powerful invention, according to the article?
5. What might be the next big invention in the future?

Discussion Questions

1. What invention do you use every day and couldn't live without?
2. What do you think is the most important invention in history?
3. Do you know of any inventions from your own country?
4. If you could invent anything, what would it be and why?
5. How do inventions help society? Can they also cause problems?
6. Do you think kids will invent more in the future? Why or why not?
7. Which invention do you think changed the world the most?