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Read

1. Number the headlines to show the order in which they occurred.
2. Which discoveries or inventions seem to have happened accidentally?
3. What discovery do you think was connected to the falling apple?
4. What might the 1930 invention have been?
5. What might the 1920 discovery have been?



Write Write a headline for each article.

Morning News, 1849

Walter Hunt, a mechanic from New York has patented a new invention. The builder of America's first sewing machine has invented the safety pin, a fastening pin that can hold many things together with ease. Hunt is the inventor of many gadgets, including a knife sharpener, artificial stone, ice ploughs, and a street car bell.

Morning News, 1846

Surgery will no longer be painful, thanks to a wonderful new invention. American dentist William Morton has discovered a way to put patients to sleep while they undergo medical procedures. Medicines called anesthetics, put patients into a sleep-like state where they do not feel the pain.

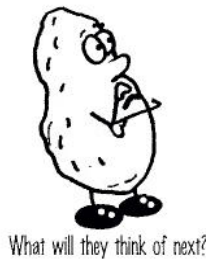
Morning News, 1956

A new invention makes it easy to fix mistakes. A Dallas secretary mixed up a batch of liquid paper (known as "mistake out" or "white out" and created a substance that can cover up mistakes made on a typewriter. The concoction is a mixture of paint that can be brushed over the mistake.

- Choose the correct word for each sentence.
 - (**Whose, Who's**) the inventor of the pretzel?
 - Are you the one (**whose, who's**) working on an electric fork?
 - I'd like to meet (**whoever, whomever**) the person is that thought of the safety pin.
 - (**Who, Whom**) gets the credit for the invention of the stop light?

- Identify the setting of the selection in 5.
- What is the difference between an **inventor** and an **itinerant**?
- Add correct punctuation.

My favorite inventions are these the zipper marshmallows electric toothbrushes and trains



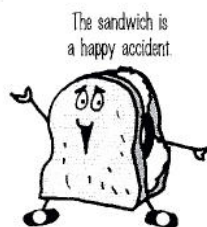
- Write a summary of the passage.

Potato chips were invented because of a persnickety customer at a restaurant in Saratoga Springs, New York. This cranky customer refused an order of French fries because the potatoes were too thick. Chef George Crum made thinner fries, but the customer was still not satisfied. Finally, in disgust, the chef cut the potato into paper-thin slices and fried them to a crisp. He thought this would teach the customer a good lesson. Instead, the customer loved these potato "chips." The word spread, and soon many customers were asking for the hard, thin chips.

- Spell each of these words correctly.

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- Circle the simple subject.
Popsicles, sandwiches, and potato chips were all invented by accident.
- Tom's invention is **outlandish**. Louie's invention is **ordinary**. Are these words antonyms?
- What key words would be best for an encyclopedia search on the invention of the Popsicle?

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- Edit the passage.

It is said "that the popsicle was invented by axcident." Eleven-year old Frank epperson was trying to make his own Soda pop. Frank he mixed soda powder and water in a bucket the mixture was left outside in a small bucket, with the wooden stiring stick standing in the liquid. The next morning the liquid was frozen Frank picked it up by the Stick, tasted it, and loved it He began to sell "Epperson Icicles" for a nickel. Eventuly, he changed the name of the treat to "popsicles."

1. Explain the difference between **illicit** and **elicit**.

2. Edit the sentence.

Is it true asked Jason that the waffle was invented when someone wearing a metal suit sat on a pancake?

3. Which mode of writing is shown in problem 5?

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4. Which includes a present tense verb?

- ☐ They discovered.
- ☐ He is discovering.
- ☐ We discover.
- ☐ They will be inventing.
- ☐ It had been invented.

I come
from a
long line
of famous
chips -



the potato chip, the computer chip, and the CHOCOLATE CHIP.

5. Write your impressions about how the author communicated her idea.

The history books show that chocolate chip cookies were invented by mistake—and what a wonderful mistake! Sweet morsels of chocolate nestle in soft cookie dough. When the cookies came out of the oven, the chocolate chunks were solid, not melted. They were elegant in-between warm, creamy nougats that became best friends with the tongue. The chips started softening in the oven, but finished melting in the warmth of your mouth. Thank goodness for Ruth Wakefield's 1930 accidental invention back at the Toll House Inn in Whitman, Massachusetts!

1. Replace each underlined word with a more interesting or colorful word.

Sylvester McClean's new invention is causing **big trouble**. The **loud** noise has **angered** his neighbor.

2. Write two sentences containing the word **charge**, each showing a different meaning of the word.

3. Correct the misspelled words.

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4. A dictionary entry for the word unique has this section: [French, from Latin *unicus* meaning only, sole]. What does this tell about the word?

5. Which examples have linking verbs?

- a. Charlie's invention looks comical.
- b. This invention cracks me up!
- c. Which of these contraptions works?
- d. That seems like a mistake.
- e. Is the lollipop maker a new idea?

