

# My Best Reading

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I

# Real Life





Unit  
**1**

## Whoops ... an Invention!

A new oven was born by  
accident.

Non-fiction



Unit  
**2**

## The Very Special Jack-o-Lantern

This year, Holly has her best  
Halloween ever.

Fiction



Unit  
**3**

## Make Your Own Dirt

You can grow your own dirt.  
How?

Non-fiction

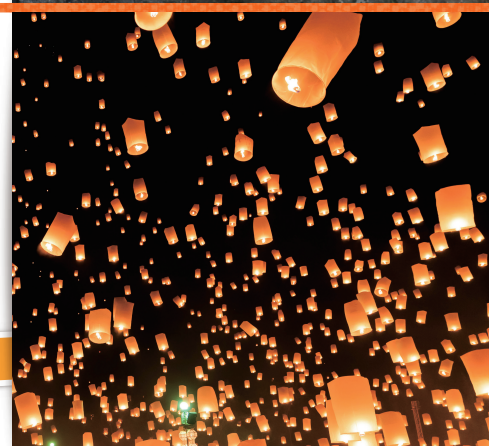


Unit  
**4**

## A UFO? An IFO!

A UFO is heading right for us!

Fiction





Unit

01

# Whoops ... an **Invention!**

*Have you come up with an  
invention or idea accidentally?*





# Key Words

**A** Look and listen. Then repeat the word.  02



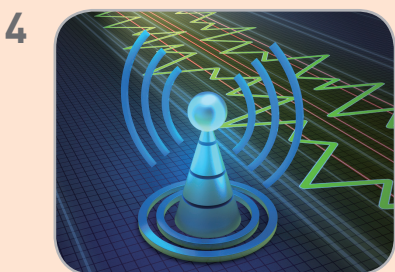
**invention**



**light bulb**



**microwave oven**



**radio wave**



**scientist**



**melt**

**B** Fill in the blank to complete the sentence.

- 1 There is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ in a lamp. It produces light.
- 2 The computer is a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 If you are interested in science, why don't you become a(n) \_\_\_\_\_?
- 4 A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ cooks food very quickly using electric waves.
- 5 In summer, ice cream cones \_\_\_\_\_ fast.
- 6 A microwave is a small \_\_\_\_\_.



# Whoops ... an Invention!



Most **inventions** take a long time and hard work. Edison wasn't the first inventor of the **light bulb**. He only made the first good one. And many people tried before him. Altogether, the light bulb took about 70 years!

But some inventions come from accidents. You have one in your kitchen: the **microwave oven**.

## While you read

Who invented the first good light bulb?



## More Words & Phrases

□ **accident** an event that happens by chance

A microwave is a small **radio wave**. Radio waves can send information through the air. Your radio and TV use large radio waves. **Scientists** first made tiny radio waves for **radar**. Radar finds things that are far away.

In 1945, a scientist tested his radar. At that time, he had a candy bar in his shirt pocket. It **melted**! Next, he tried popcorn. It popped very quickly!

“Aha!” he thought. “Tiny radio waves can cook food, and fast!”

A new oven was born. (138 words)

**Radar** uses radio waves and detects objects like motor vehicles, ships, and aircraft.



- **tiny**            very small
- **far away**     distant

# Comprehension

## **A** What is the passage mainly about?

- Ⓐ the invention of radar
- Ⓑ an oven invented by accident
- Ⓒ dangerous kitchen accidents

## **B** Choose the right one according to the passage.

- 1 Most inventions need ( lucky accidents / hard work ).
- 2 TV uses ( large / small ) radio waves.
- 3 The first use of microwaves was ( finding / melting ) things.

## **C** Choose the best answer to each question.

- 1 What took about 70 years to get right?  
Ⓐ kitchens                      Ⓑ the light bulb                      Ⓒ the microwave
- 2 What was the inventor of microwave ovens testing?  
Ⓐ radio                      Ⓑ ovens                      Ⓒ radar
- 3 Which things use small radio waves? (Pick two.)  
Ⓐ radar                      Ⓑ light bulbs                      Ⓒ microwave ovens



**D** Read the passage again. Then complete the chart below.

### Inventions around Us

**Most take long and hard work:** the light bulb

- After many people tried, Edison made the first good one.

**Some come from accidents:** the \_\_\_\_\_

- A scientist tested his radar.
- A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ in his pocket melted.
- He found out radio waves can \_\_\_\_\_ quickly.

## Link to Write

Complete the paragraph on your own.

Example

### My Great Invention

I want to introduce my great invention. It is a backpack with an umbrella on it. I came up with a good idea when I rode a bicycle on a rainy day. It was an accident!



### My Great Invention

I want to introduce my great invention. It is . I came up with a good idea when I . It was an accident!