



## LESSON 2. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



**What do you know about  
Benjamin Franklin?**



**What springs to mind when you hear the word 'invention'?**  
**What famous inventors do you know?**  
**How useful are inventions?**

## Chindogu: 14 Hilarious and Strange Japanese Inventions



Train Nap Cap



Sweep Shoes



Butter Stick



Umbrella Tie



Ear Plug Earrings



Baby Mop



Toilet Roll Hat

Why do you think they were invented?

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Extendo Spoon



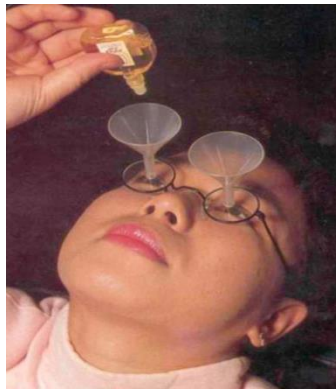
Extra Nail



Chopstick Fan



Booger Keeper



Easy Eye Drop Glasses



Napkin Pants



Splash Mask

**Why do you think they were invented?**

# Vocabulary Preview



Match the word with the correct meaning.

1. **Treaty**
2. **Alliance**
3. **Diplomat**
4. **Revolution**
5. **Colony**
6. **Illustrate**
7. **Postmaster**
8. **Impressed**
9. **Deputy**
10. **Scholar**
11. **Subscription**
12. **Bifocal**
13. **Patent**
14. **Daylight saving**

1. *of eyeglasses* : divided into two parts that help a person to see things that are nearby and things that are far away
2. a person who represents his or her country's government in a foreign country
3. an area that is controlled by or belongs to a country and is usually far away from it
4. gain the admiration or interest of
5. a person who has studied a subject for a long time and knows a lot about it
6. a period of the year between spring and fall when clocks in the U.S. are set one hour ahead of standard time
7. protected by a trademark or a brand name so as to establish proprietary rights
8. a person who is in charge of a post office
9. an official agreement that is made between two or more countries or groups
10. to give examples in order to make (something) easier to understand
11. the usually violent attempt by many people to end the rule of one government and start a new one
12. a union between people, groups, countries, etc. : a relationship in which people agree to work together
13. a second in command or assistant who usually takes charge when his or her superior is absent
14. an agreement that you make with a company to get a publication or service regularly and that you usually pay for in advance

## Benjamin Franklin

He is considered to be one of the greatest Americans that ever lived. He was the only person to sign the four key documents of American History: [The Declaration of Independence](#), the **Treaty of Alliance** with France, the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, and the Constitution of the United States. By serving as a **diplomat** in France and gaining France's help, he contributed greatly to winning the **Revolutionary** War. His newspaper, the "[Pennsylvania Gazette](#)," was one of the most successful papers in the **colonies**. He was the first editor to publish a newspaper cartoon and to use maps to **illustrate** a story.

He became [Philadelphia's](#) **postmaster** in 1737. The British government was so **impressed** by his efficiency that they made him **deputy** postmaster general for all of the colonies in 1753.

He founded a city hospital, organized a fire department, helped found what eventually became the University of Pennsylvania, established a professional organization for **scholars** called the American Philosophical Society, and helped establish the first **subscription** library in the American colonies.

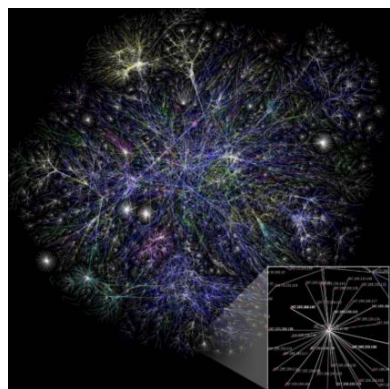
His inventions include, electricity, the Franklin stove, [bifocal lenses](#), the [lightning rod](#). His scientific studies promoted an understanding of the Gulf Stream in the Atlantic Ocean and he encouraged "**daylight-saving**" time in summer. He did not **patent** any of his inventions or use them for profit, preferring to give them to the world for everyone's comfort and convenience.

## Comprehension Check

1. He is the greatest American that ever lived. **T / F**
2. Benjamin Franklin served as a Diplomat in France. **T / F**
3. He was the first editor to publish a newspaper cartoon. **T / F**
4. He became Philadelphia's postmaster in 1637. **T / F**
5. The British government wasn't so impressed by his efficiency. **T / F**
6. He founded a city hospital, organized a fire department. **T / F**
7. He established a professional organization for scholars called the British Philosophical Society. **T / F**
8. His inventions include, electricity, the Franklin stove, bifocal lenses, the lighting rod. **T / F**
9. He encouraged "daylight-saving" time in winter. **T / F**
10. Benjamin Franklin used his inventions for profit. **T / F**



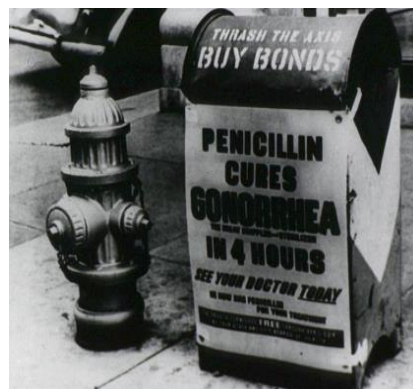
## Top 10 Inventions that Changed the World



The internet



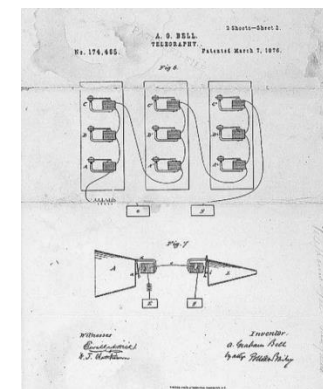
Contraceptives



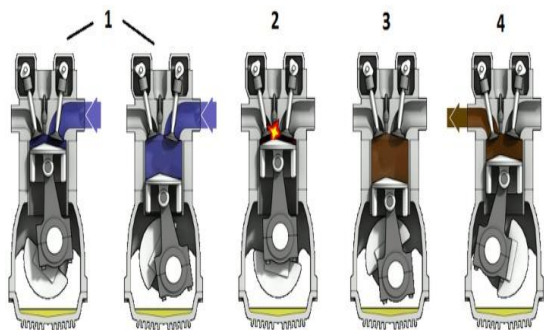
Penicillin



The light bulb



The telephone



The internal combustion engine



The Printing Press



The Compass



The Nail



The Wheel

## Simple Past Tense

The **simple past** expresses an action in the past taking place once, never, several times. It can also be used for actions taking place one after another or in the middle of another action.

### Form of Simple Past

	Positive	Negative	Question
<b>no differences</b>	I spoke.	I did not speak.	Did I speak?

For irregular verbs, use the past form (see [list of irregular verbs](#), 2nd column). For regular verbs, just add “ed”.

### Exceptions in Spelling when Adding ‘ed’

Exceptions in spelling when adding <i>ed</i>	Example
after a final <i>e</i> only add <i>d</i>	love – loved
final consonant after a short, stressed vowel or <i>l</i> as final consonant after a vowel is doubled	admit – admitted travel – travelled
final <i>y</i> after a consonant becomes <i>i</i>	hurry – hurried

## Simple Past Tense

### Uses of Simple Past

- ***action in the past taking place once, never or several times***

Example: He *visited* his parents every weekend.

- ***actions in the past taking place one after the other***

Example: He *came* in, *took* off his coat and *sat* down.

- ***action in the past taking place in the middle of another action***

Example: When I was having breakfast, the phone suddenly *rang*.

- ***if sentences type II (If I talked, ...)***

Example: If I *had* a lot of money, I would share it with you.

#### Signal Words of Simple Past

yesterday, 2 minutes ago, in 1990, the other day, last Friday

## Simple Past Tense

**Was** is used in the first and third person singular past. It is used for statements of fact. **Were** is used in the second person singular and plural and first and third person plural.

**Direction:** Complete the following sentences with the correct form of verb.

1. I ..... happy.
2. You ..... angry.
3. She ..... in London last week.
4. He ..... on holiday.
5. It ..... cold.
6. We ..... at school.
7. You ..... at the cinema.
8. They ..... at home.
9. The cat ..... on the roof.
10. The children ..... in the garden.



- **Direction:** Exercise on questions with interrogative

1. She pushed **her bike**. →
2. She carried **a bag**. →
3. We waited **in the park**. →
4. The policeman arrested **the thief**. →
5. **We** ate fish. →
6. She watched the match **last night**. →
7. She asked her friend **because she did not know what to do**. →
8. **I** opened the door. →
9. The teacher checked **our homework**. →
10. **Cindy** had a dog. →

# Grammar Exercise

- Have a look at James's last week's diary and answer the questions in complete sentences. Put the time expression at the end of the sentence.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
football	shopping	meeting	ring Jane	buy flowers	concert	sailing
	cinema	tennis	English	Italian restaurant		

1. When was his English course? →
2. When did he go shopping? →
3. When did he buy flowers? →
4. When was his meeting? →
5. When did he play football? →
6. When did he go to the Italian restaurant? →
7. When did he ring Jane? →
8. When did he go to the cinema? →
9. When did he play tennis? →
10. When was the concert? →
11. When did he go sailing? →

## Change the verbs into past simple

1. She (bring) some chocolates to the party.
2. I (hear) a new song on the radio.
3. I (read) three books last week.
4. They (speak) French to the waitress.
5. He (understand) during the class, but now he doesn't understand.
6. I (forget) to buy some milk.
7. She (have) a baby in June.
8. You (lose) your keys last week.
9. They (swim) 500m.
10. I (give) my mother a CD for Christmas.
11. At the age of 23, she (become) a doctor.
12. I (know) the answer yesterday.
13. He (tell) me that he lived in Toronto.
14. We (lend) John £200.
15. She (drink) too much coffee yesterday.
16. The children (sleep) in the car.





**What is the greatest invention ever?  
Why?**



## Inventions Vocabulary List & Definitions

Word	Definition
Enigma	A baffling problem.
Feasible	Something that can be accomplished without difficulty.
Inspiration	An influence that encourages effort to do well.
Artisan	A worker who is skilled in a specific trade.
Newfangled	Something that's just come into fashion.
Patent	A grant by the government to make, use, or sell a new invention.
Phenomenon	Something observable such as a fact or event that defies norms.
Posterity	Future generations.
Serendipity	Making discoveries by accident that are for tuitions.

# Speaking Practice



1. What invention would you like to invent?
2. What is Mother Nature's greatest invention?
3. What is the world's most useless invention?
4. How do people invent things?
5. What is the world's most dangerous invention?
6. Have you ever thought about inventing anything?
7. Which invention is better, the Internet or electricity?
8. What invention is needed to save the world from global warming?
9. Do you think new inventions always make people rich?
10. Who is the world's greatest ever inventor?



# Pronunciation Activity

The pronunciation of words ending in ED depends on the final consonant (sound). There are three ways to pronounce ED:

## /id/

T wanted  
D needed

**Voiced Sound**  
= uses the vocal cords and they produce a vibration or humming sound in the throat.

*(Touch your throat to feel it)*

## /t/

P helped  
K looked  
SH washed  
CH watched  
GH laughed  
TH breathed  
SS kissed  
C danced  
X fixed

**VOICELESS**

## /d/

L called  
N cleaned  
R offered  
G damaged  
V loved  
S used  
W followed  
Y enjoyed  
Z amazed

**VOICED**

# The End