Reading and Writing

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Inventions

Everywhere you look there are objects that make your life easier: phones, cars, even this book you're reading now! All these things were invented by people called inventors. Inventions can be very simple, like the zip on your coat or very big and important, like the printing press.

Gideon Sundback invented the zip in Canada, in 1913. They used the first zips for boots. By 1930 they were put into clothes too. Imagine life without zips!

Johannes Gutenberg, from Mainz, in Germany invented the printing press in 1436. This invention changed the world. Before the printing press all books were copied by hand. Gutenberg produced the world's first printed book, the Gutenberg Bible, in 1454. After this invention, people could find out more about the world.

The zip

The printing press

1 Who invented the zip?

_____

2 When was the zip invented?

_____

3 Who invented the printing press?

_____

4 What was the first printed book?

_____

2

1 Aeroplanes/people's lives/go on holiday:

Aeroplanes changed people's lives because...

_____

2 Television/people's lives/see world news:

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3 Telephones/people's lives/talk to people:

_____

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1   Read and answer the questions.
2   Write about how these inventions changed people's lives.

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> Hi Paul,
>
> Wait until I tell you what happened last weekend. It was my 11th birthday. I wanted to have my birthday party in the *Fun Palace* at the shopping centre. I go there every year with my friends. We play with the foam balls, and then we have cake and fizzy drinks.
>
> I invited 16 people from my class and we all arrived at five o'clock. My mum wanted to pay to go in but the monitor said that we were too old! The palace is for children up to the age of 10 only! ☹
>
> Luckily there was a bowling alley in the shopping centre. I invited my friends to the bowling alley and when we finished, we went to a restaurant and we had hamburgers and colas. We ate cake in school on Monday. It was fantastic!
>
> See you soon,
> Danny

1 How old was Danny last weekend?

_____

2 Where did he want to have his birthday party?

_____

3 How many people did Danny invite?

_____

4 What time did they arrive at the *Fun Palace*?

_____

5 Where did Danny finally invite his friends?

_____

6 What did they do after the bowling alley?

_____

2

1 Hi, _____. Do you _____ this weekend?

2 Sure! _____ to meet?

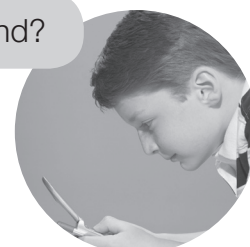**3** What about _____ afternoon?

4 OK, Saturday is a good day. _____ and _____ do you want to meet?

5 Let's meet at _____ pm next to _____.

6 Great! Do you _____ or to the bowling alley?

7 I prefer _____ because _____.

8 Me too. Let's _____ *Fruit and Fun* after and eat _____.

1 Read and answer the questions.
2 Look at the information. Then, complete the text messages. Use your imagination!