

Buddies Week #4: Incredible Inventions

This week we'll be exploring some of the discoveries and inventions of the last 100 years. We'll hear about the way that new discoveries changed our Buddies lives and make some inventions of our own. With your older Buddy, you'll...

- 1. Challenge your inventiveness** with two truths and a lie
- 2.** Share your knowledge on all sorts of inventions with **true or false?**
- 3.** Discover how one **invention** changed your older Buddy's life
- 4.** Take on a challenge to **design a new invention** before your next Buddies call

These activities can be done over phone or video calls to an older friend or family member. You can do them all in one go or across several calls, or simply pick and choose the ones that you'd like to try. We suggest you print the following pages, access them on a computer, or recreate them by hand to use as a guide as you chat with your older friend or family member.



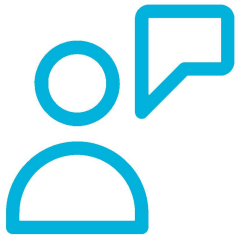
Two truths and a lie



This is a game of invention, and discovering fact from fiction. Can you figure out which of the three things someone tells you about themselves is really a lie?

1. Everyone playing takes a few minutes to think of two true facts about themselves, and one believable lie. You can make the facts as interesting or as boring as you like! Write them down so you don't forget them.

2. Take it in turns to read out your three statements. Other people can ask you a few questions to see if they can work out what's true.



1. I had fish fingers for dinner last night

2. I used to live in Scotland

3. I have a pet hamster

3. The other people guess which of the three they think is a lie. Did they get it right? Swap over until everyone has had a turn.

Inventions: True or false?

How much do you know about discoveries and inventions?

You and your older buddy will know different things. Can you share what you know about each subject and decide together whether these facts are true or false?

If you don't know, have a guess!

Answers at the bottom (turn the page or screen) but no peeking!



1. Cars were invented after mobile phones
2. Most schools now have interactive whiteboards in every classroom
3. During the Second World War most families had a television
4. Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon
5. You can now buy a watch that shows mobile phone messages
6. Early computers were so big they took up a whole room
7. Tik tok is a computer game about a clock
8. Until the 20th Century, everyone believed the world was flat
9. The BBC first broadcast colour television in the late 1960s
10. Glasses to help you see better were invented in the 1950s

Answers:
1. False True 3. False 4. True 5. True 6. True 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False

A life-changing invention



Your older Buddy has seen lots of new inventions and discoveries that have made the world today quite different to when they were a child.

Can you ask your older Buddy some questions to find out about one invention that changed how they did something in their life?

Write in the boxes below what life was like for the person before and how it changed afterwards.

Invention:

Before

After

Need ideas? What about TV? Computer? Something they used at work?

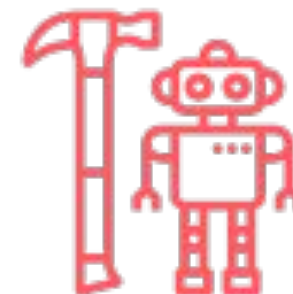
It's time to finish today's call. How did it go? We'd love to hear about the inventions and discoveries you talked about – [tweet us](#) or [share on Facebook](#) at @incommonlondon, or send it to hello@incommonliving.com!

Between now and your next Buddies call your challenge is to...



Design your own invention

Can you come up with your own idea for an invention?
Maybe it's a machine for sorting socks, or a robot-footballer.
What does it do? How do you use it?
Draw a design for your new invention.



You could get some ideas from your Buddy on today's call and then tell them about your invention next time.
Maybe your older Buddy can invent something too?