



Inventions



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Invention

(in·ven·tion)

Definition: The act of creating something new or the thing that is created.

Example: This *invention* mimics the way some animals move.



Inventor

(in·ven·tor)

Definition: A person who creates new things or new ways of doing something.

Example: Although Thomas Edison was not the *inventor* of the light bulb, he did invent a better light bulb that lasts longer.

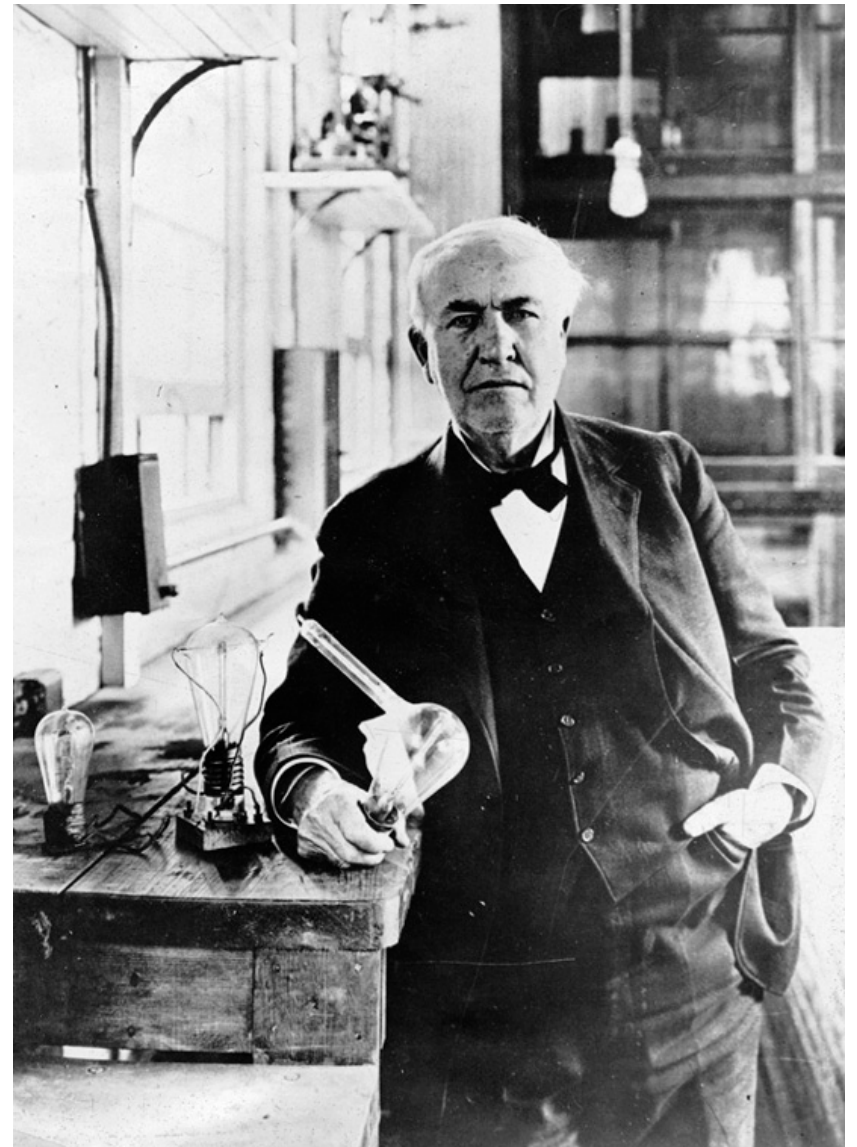


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Kevlar

(Kev·lar)

Definition: A man-made material that was invented by Stephanie Kwolek.

Example: *Kevlar* is a strong material used in making many things.

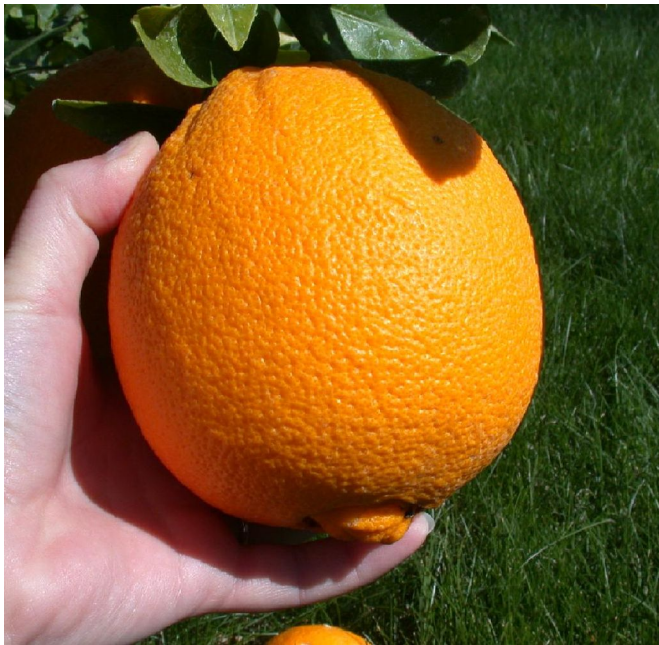


Material

(ma·te·ri·al)

Definition: the substance or substances of which a thing is made or composed

Example: Scientists have found a way to use the oil from oranges as a *material* in making tires.



Refrigerator

(re·frig·er·a·tor)



Safety

(safe·ty)

Definition: The state of being safe from danger or harm.

Example: This *safety* invention keeps people safe if they were to fall or jump out of a

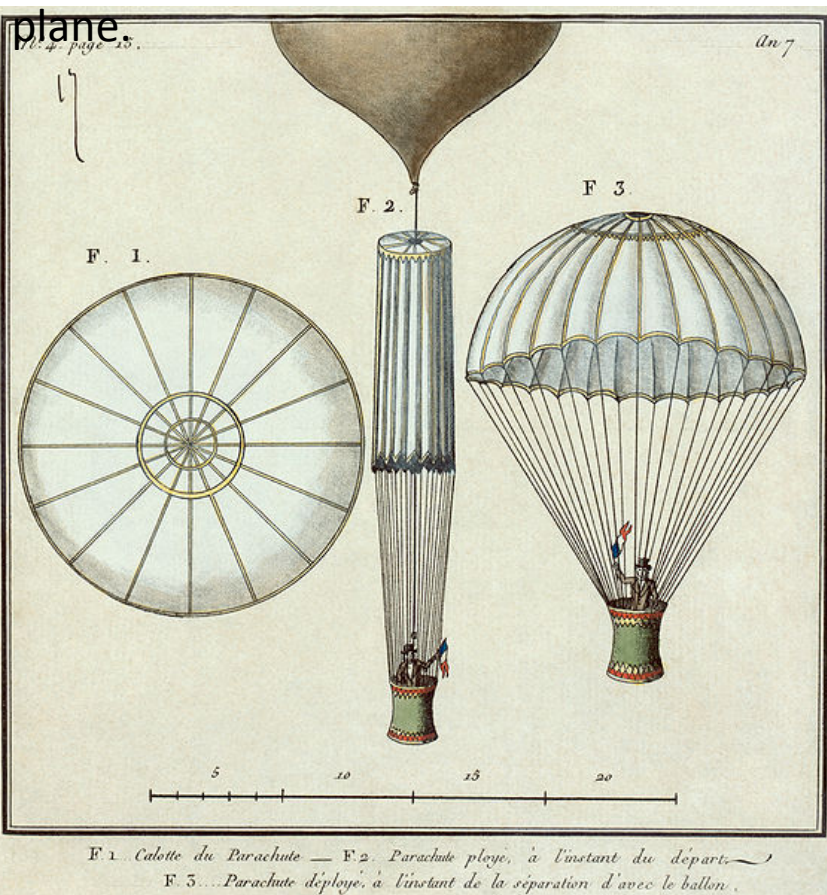


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Solved

(solved)

Definition: To find a way of dealing with a problem or difficult situation.

Example: The invention of a hose *solved* the problem of how to get water to where it was needed.



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Toaster

(toast·er)

