

PART 1

SIMPLE BUT USEFUL



In this part you will write a description of an object.

To help you do this, you will:

- read about everyday objects
- give facts and information using the passive
- expand your vocabulary

READING

You are going to take a quiz about the history of everyday objects.

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A Look up the New Words in the Glossary and write them in your vocabulary notebook.

New Words

| | | |
|------------|------------|-------------------|
| ancient | file (n) | on the one hand |
| basic | glue (n) | on the other hand |
| century | invention | status symbol |
| design (n) | item | |
| dramatic | object (n) | |
| essential | tend | |
| fashion | useful | |

B Read the information below about simple, everyday inventions and answer the questions that follow.

When most people think or talk about inventions, they tend to focus on the more dramatic ones like cars, airplanes and computers. But there are other inventions that we use every day and never really pay attention to. On the one hand, these objects are very simple – some of them have even kept the same basic design for centuries. On the other hand, they are so useful and essential to our everyday lives, that we would be lost without them.

1. List **as many** simple, everyday inventions **as you can** that fit the description above.
2. From your list, choose the five objects that you think are the most important or useful in your life.
3. In small groups, compare your lists of five objects. Which objects did you all list?

C **1** What do you know about the history of simple, everyday objects? Take the quiz on page 73 for fun.

2 Does the quiz mention any of the items you listed in exercise B above?



QUIZ Everyday Objects

- 1** This fashion item, which was invented over 4,000 years ago in Egypt, is still very popular today.
 - a flip flops
 - b belts
 - c sunglasses
- 2** This object was invented about 800 years ago, but it took a long time for people to start using it. It's very useful because it keeps our fingers clean.
 - a knife
 - b fork
 - c soap
- 3** These objects were a status symbol. They were so valuable that people could be put to death for stealing them.
 - a buttons
 - b combs
 - c sunglasses
- 4** Five thousand years ago, this item was a small stick of wood. It has changed very little over the years, but today it is usually made of plastic and nylon*.
 - a comb
 - b pen
 - c toothbrush
- 5** This invention is from the 19th century. It can be found in homes, schools and offices and is used to organize pages.
 - a glue
 - b paper clips
 - c files
- 6** For over 4,000 years, people have used this to make and fix things.
 - a gum
 - b buttons
 - c glue

*nylon نیلون / نایلون



(For answers see page 177.)

You are going to read webpages about simple but useful inventions – things we use every day but never pay attention to.

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D Look up the New Words in the Glossary and write them in your vocabulary notebook.

New Words

| | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| attach | form (n) | powerful | significant | get along (with / without) |
| average (adj) | furniture | prison | silver | no longer |
| criticize | injury | punishment | soldier | precious metal |
| custom | jewel | recycle | suitable | take apart |
| decorate | lift (v) | replace | | throw away |

E Many Internet sites have tabs (טאבים, לשוניות / علامات تبويب) that show how the information on the site is organized. The tabs make it easier for the reader to find specific information. Look at the webpages on pages 74 and 75.

1. Where are the tabs?
2. What tabs do you see?
3. What four inventions are presented in these webpages? How do you know?