

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 4

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- What have been the most important inventions of the last twenty years in the following areas?
 - food
 - medicine
 - technology
 - transport
- What inventions would you like to see in the future in these areas?



2 Watch the DVD. Tick the things Dallas Campbell does.

- drive a car
- put a flag in the sand
- measure a distance
- interview an inventor
- open a door
- wear a helmet
- run across a sand dune
- fly a glider

3A Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- The Wright brothers' invention would allow people to travel further.
- The glider was invented after the aeroplane.
- They built the glider two years before they tested the first aeroplane.
- The wing at the front makes it turn left and right.
- Dallas finds it difficult to imagine how the Wright brothers felt.
- The invention had important consequences.

B Watch the DVD again to check.

4A Complete the extracts with the words in the box.

cracked hang humble matter radical
replica rudder

- Today billions of us can travel across the planet in a _____ of hours.
- But that everyday miracle started in a rather _____ way.
- They were trying out this _____ new form of transportation.
- Until they'd _____ how to ride the wind, ...
- Apparently, even I should be able to get the _____ of it.
- And they put a _____ on the back.
- This is an exact _____ of their glider.

B Watch the DVD again to check.

5A EITHER think of a recent invention OR choose one of the inventions below and find out as much as you can about it. Make notes.

- 3D printing
- nanotechnology in computers
- piezoelectricity
- autonomous vehicles

B Work in groups. Ask and answer questions about the invention you chose. Which is the most useful? Which is your favourite invention?

A: I chose autonomous vehicles.

B: What are they?

A: They're things like driverless cars.