ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE INVENTIONS & DEVICES

New, modern, important, useful = handy, scientific, technological, technical, recent, greatest, wonderful, ingenious, latest, time-saving, labour-saving, practical, valuable, cultural, industrial, remarkable, successful, electrical, fantastic, marvelous, minor, brilliant, clever, witty, notable, creative, patented, innovative = novel, curious, unique, beneficial, obsolete, groundbreaking = revolutionary, low/high-tech, wacky = odd

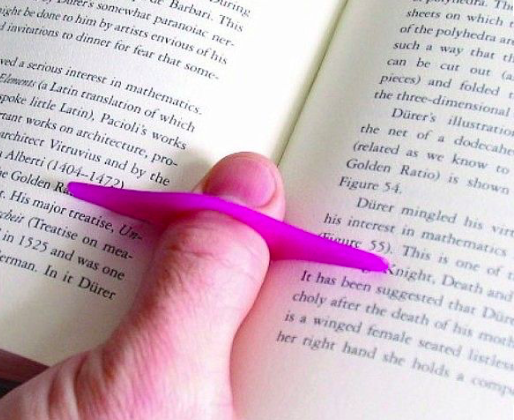
**1. Choose some of the adjectives above to describe these inventions:**





Labour-saving. Useful,

Modern, useless It was groundbreaking



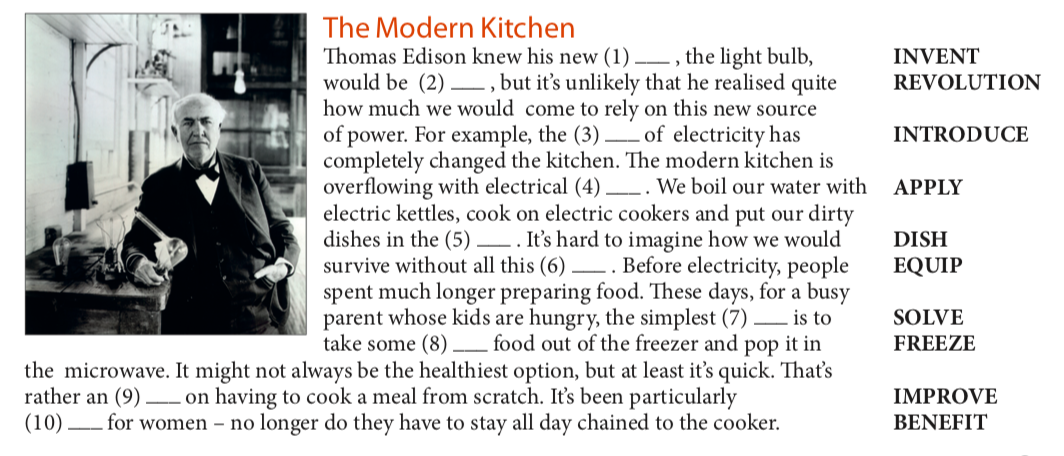
Curious, practical

important, marvelous,

WORD FORMATION

**1. Complete each phrase using a form of the word in bold.**

1. a great \_\_**achievement**\_\_\_ **achieve**
2. highly \_\_\_**benefits**\_\_\_\_\_ **benefit**
3. a \_\_\_**creative**\_\_\_\_ person **create**
4. a recent \_\_\_\_**development**\_\_\_\_ **develop**
5. an important \_\_**discovery**\_\_\_\_\_\_ **discover**
6. a major \_\_\_**improvement**\_\_\_ in something **improve**
7. a useful \_\_\_**invention**\_\_\_ **invent**
8. bring out a new \_\_\_**product**\_ **produce**
9. a \_\_\_\_\_**scientist**\_\_\_\_ fact **science**
10. a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a problem **solve**
11. a huge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ breakthrough **medicine**

**2. Complete the text using a form of the word in bold.**

**FORMATION**

PHRASAL VERBS

**Use the correct form of these phrasal verbs about technology to complete the sentences.**

break down · come on · come up with cut off · get through · look into · put in

1 If you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an appliance like a washing machine, you install it.

2 If you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a new idea for a product, you have an idea.

3 If you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a new development, you investigate it.

4 If a car \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , it stops working.

5 If your electricity is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , it is disconnected.

6 If you can’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to someone on the phone, you can’t connect to them.

7 If something has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , it has developed or improved.

**Say which of the two statements below you agree with most, giving reasons. Consider the use of technology in some of these tasks:**

shopping **·** solving mathematical problems **·** writing essays **·** doing housework  
learning languages **·** making music **·** finding information **·** communication

1. I'm totally **in favour of** technology. Computers and labour-saving devices can help us do things more quickly – leaving us free to do more important things. Intelligent devices and things like smartphones are the future.
2. The more we let technology interfere in our lives, the more we move away from a natural existence. Technology and computers can help us do nearly everything but it is not always a good thing. We need to learn to do things, and to think, for ourselves.

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| BENEFITS | NEGATIVE ASPECTS | EXAMPLE |
| It helps us communicate |  | If stuck in traffic – can call on your mobile |
|  | Technology makes us lazy | Many people can’t do simple maths – always use a calculator |
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